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**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**Managers**  
**OF THE**  
**Pennsylvania Institution**  
**FOR THE**  
**Instruction of the Blind**



**1937---1938**

## Calendar for the School Year 1937-38

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- September 15, 1937 ----- School opens for the year.
- November 25 ----- Thanksgiving Day holiday.
- December 8 ----- Christmas Concert by the pupils.
- December 16 ----- Christmas play. Pupils go home for holidays.
- January 4, 1938 ----- School reopens after Christmas vacation.
- April 7 ----- Easter vacation begins.
- April 19 ----- School work resumes.
- May 24 ----- Overbrook Day. School open to visitors.
- May 31 ----- Music Recital by Junior pupils.
- June 7 ----- Music Recital by Senior pupils.
- June 9 ----- Promenade night.
- June 10 ----- Commencement. Alumni and Alumnae banquets.

## **Proceedings of the One Hundred Sixth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers**

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The stated annual meeting of the members of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind was held at 1305 Locust Street, Thursday, December 16, 1937, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Biddle was elected Chairman and Mr. Price Secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Nominations of officers to serve for the ensuing year were made and on motion the Secretary was unanimously instructed to cast one ballot for those nominated. The Secretary reported that he had cast the ballot as directed, and the Chairman declared the following persons duly elected:

# OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION

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## Patron

HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR GEORGE H. EARLE

## President

JAMES P. HUTCHINSON, M.D. (1894)

## Vice-Presidents

GEORGE E. DE SCHWEINITZ, M.D. (1905)	CHARLES J. BIDDLE (1916)
WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, M.D. (1913)	ARTHUR N. COLES (1922)

## Secretary

PHILIP PRICE (1934)

## Treasurer

ALLSTON JENKINS (1930)

## Managers

ALEXANDER P. GEST	(1923) *
NICHOLAS G. ROOSEVELT	(1925)
HARRY W. HARRISON	(1930)
WINTHROP H. BATTLES	(1934)
CHARLES P. STOKES	(1934)
EDMUND R. PURVES	(1935)
C. TOWNSEND LUDINGTON	(1935)
GEORGE WILLING PEPPER	(1936)
EDWARD HOPKINSON, JR.	(1937)
JAMES H. ROBINS	(1937)

## Consulting Physicians

JOHN H. GIBBON, M.D. (1925)  
ARTHUR NEWLIN, M.D. (1928)

\* Died, January 22, 1938

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### Finance

CHARLES P. STOKES

PHILIP PRICE

ALLSTON JENKINS

GEORGE WILLING PEPPER

WINTHROP H. BATTLES

EDWARD HOPKINSON, JR.

### Admission and Discharge

WINTHROP H. BATTLES

GEORGE E. DE SCHWEINITZ, M.D.

WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, M.D.

HARRY W. HARRISON

ALEXANDER P. GEST

JAMES H. ROBINS

### Instruction

WINTHROP H. BATTLES

GEORGE E. DE SCHWEINITZ, M.D.

WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, M.D.

HARRY W. HARRISON

ALEXANDER P. GEST

JAMES H. ROBINS

### Household

HARRY W. HARRISON

ALLSTON JENKINS

NICHOLAS G. ROOSEVELT

CHARLES J. BIDDLE

ALEXANDER P. GEST

ARTHUR N. COLES

### City Office

EDMUND R. PURVES

C. TOWNSEND LUDINGTON

JAMES H. ROBINS



# OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

1937-38

ALBERT G. COWGILL, A.B., B.S. . . . . *Principal*

## Administrative Department

DOROTHY G. POWNALL . . . . . *Secretary to Principal*

RACHEL O. DWINELL, B.S. . . . . *Assistant Secretary*

GLADYS L. WEBBER . . . . . *Bookkeeper*

## Academic Department

NEAL F. QUIMBY, A.B., M.ED. . *Boys' Principal Teacher—Occupations, Phys. Ed.*

ETHEL K. ARTHUR, A.B. . *Girls' Principal Teacher—Am. History and Geography*

EFFIE L. BULLARD . . . . . *Geography, Grammar, Spelling—Grades IV - VII*

\*FRANCIS J. CUMMINGS, PH.D. . . . . *English and French—Grades IX - XII*

†\*MAE E. DAVIDOW, A.B. . . . . *Geography and History—Grade V*

†\*ISAAC DORNBLUM, B.A. . . . . *History—Grades IX - XI*

DAVID V. GOODMAN, B.A. . *Biologic Science, Poultry Husbandry—Grades VII - XI*

†\*ELWOOD M. GOVAN, B.S. . . . . *Latin and Arithmetic—Special Classes*

RUBY I. GRASS, B.L.I. . . . . *Speech Correction, Expression and Declamation*

DOROTHY R. HARTMAN . . . . . *Boys' School—Grades III - V*

AUDREY KEENE . . . . . *Girls' School—Grades III - IV*

SARAH V. LONG, A.B. . . . . *Typewriting and Commercial Subjects*

NEALE MAXWELL . . . . . *Boys' School—Grades IV - V*

CONSTANCE MOREY . . . . . *Mathematics—Grades IV - XI*

MARY JANE MYERS, A.B. . . . . *English, Latin, Spelling—Grades VI - XI*

\*IDA E. PRICE . . . . . *Girls' School—Grade VI*

CELIA B. QUIMBY . . . . . *Co-ordinator of Volunteer Readers*

MARY D. SUMMERS . . . . . *Principal Teacher—Opportunity Class*

\*ANNE V. WARD, A.B. . . . . *Teacher of Braille—Special Classes*

\* Visually handicapped

† Part-time instructor



## Physical Education Department

NEAL F. QUIMBY, A.B., M.Ed. . . . . *Physical Director, Boys' School*  
†\*ALLEN COX, B.A. . . . . *Assistant Teacher, Boys' School*  
MARTHA PFLEGER, B.S. . . . . *Physical Director, Girls' School*

## Primary Department

MARGARET A. PHILIPS . . . . . *Principal Teacher and First Grade*  
\*ANNE K. HARTMAN . . . . . *Second Grade*  
MARIE A. BRODBECK, B.S., M.S. . . . . *Kindergarten*

## Music Department

†RALPH P. LEWARS, A.B., MUS. D. . . *Principal Teacher—Composition, Piano,  
Organ, Chorus*  
ELSIE E. BRUGGEMAN . . . . . *Piano*  
\*WILLIAM A. CURRLIN . . . . . *Tuning; Braille Music Librarian*  
†\*HARRY J. DITZLER, B.A., F.A.G.O. . . . . *Music Director—Opportunity Class*  
S. GERTRUDE REESS . . . . . *Piano, Solfeggio, Girls' Glee Club*

## Manual Arts Department

\*MABEL COLVIN . . . . . *Hand and Machine Sewing, Basketry—Girls' School*  
†\*ELWOOD M. GOVAN, B.S. . . . . *Basketry and Netting—Boys' School*  
\*HERBERT HARTUNG . . . . . *Caning, Brushmaking, Leather Work—Boys' School*  
\*AUGUSTA HORNER . . . . . *Caning, Weaving, Leather Work—Girls' School*  
ROMULUS LEONARDO, B.S. . . . . *Woodwork, Metal Work—Boys' School*  
†\*AGNES LOCUSON . . . . . *Knitting*  
NATALIE RUTH . . . . . *Home Economics*

## Library and Printing Office

JOSEPHINE L. CHRYSLER, A.B. . *Librarian, Print Library, Manager, Printing Office*  
\*JOHN D. FORBES . . . . . *Librarian, Braille Library*  
SAMUEL NORMAN . . . . . *Stereotyper*  
\*IDA E. PRICE . . . . . *Finger Proof-reader*

## Research Department

†SAMUEL P. HAYES, PH.D. . . . . *Director*  
†RUTH F. SARGENT, A.B. . . . . *Assistant*

\*Visually handicapped  
†Part-time instructor

Household Department

EDWARD P. SIMMONDS	Steward
KATHERINE D. HOLCOMB	Matron
ELIZABETH CHRISTENSEN	Food Administrator
J. E. HUTCHISON	Consulting Engineer
MICHAEL CRONIN	Chief Engineer

Housemothers

GIRLS	BOYS
IZORA ROUSH Senior	MINNIE S. BONNET
HANNAH W. GORDON Intermediate	EFFIE M. MOLAN
AMELIA K. GRIER Junior	HELEN MCCURDY
HARRIET CRAWFORD Primary	LEILA D. MOORE
CELIA QUIMBY Housemother, Boys' Graduate Cottage	
MATTIE BERRY Relief Housemother	

Health Department

WILLIAM P. DRAYTON, JR., M.D.	} Physicians
FRANCIS W. SINKLER, M.D.	
WILLIAM HEWSON, M.D.	Laryngologist
E. P. CORSON-WHITE, M.D.	Pathologist
WILFRED E. FRY, M.D.	Ophthalmologist
E. BERNARD WEAVER, D.D.S.	Dentist
MILDRED T. WASHBURN	Registered Nurse
MATTIE BERRY	Assistant Nurse

Telephone Operators

- \*AGNES LOCUSON
- \*MAE DAVIDOW
- \*AUGUSTA HORNER
- \*JOHN FORBES

Salesroom and Exchange

1305 LOCUST STREET  
\*LIBORIO DELFINO, Field Officer\*\*  
EDWARD H. BURRITT, B.S., Assistant

\* Visually handicapped  
\*\* Died, October 11, 1937  
† Part-time instructor







FIRST - HAND INFORMATION



1937-38

**Annual Report of the Board of Managers  
to the  
Members of the Association and to the Legislature**

As we come to the close of the one hundred and sixth year of existence of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, we pause to pay tribute to two of our association who passed on after many years of faithful and interested service.

Mr. Alexander P. Gest was appointed to the Board of Managers in 1923, and from the very first showed the greatest interest in the various phases of the work of the Institution. He served as chairman of the Household Committee and of the Committee on Future Policy. It was as a member of the Instruction Committee, however, that he was best known to the students and teachers of the school which he frequently visited. The depth of his understanding and interest was manifested by his unusual accomplishment in learning to read braille by touch, and by his valuable aid to the library in embossing over sixty volumes for the use of the pupils. In the death of Mr. Gest on January 22, 1938, we lost a true friend, devoted to the work of the Institution and the relief of the blind.

The Board of Managers further wish to record with deep regret the loss of Liborio Delfino, Field Officer and Manager of the Salesroom and Exchange. Blinded at seventeen by an accident, Mr. Delfino was educated at this school and shortly after graduation became our Field Officer. Through his efforts many children were brought to this school and received the benefit of education and later helped to find and carry out a useful career. Not only this Institution but many persons interested in the education and rehabilitation of the blind have lost a true friend.

Our appreciation is expressed at this time to all those loyal friends who have in so many different ways manifested their interest in the school, and who have done much to extend the horizon of our work. Contributions of money and service have been constant evidence of the many friends we have made during the years and we are indeed grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. HUTCHINSON,  
*President.*

## Annual Report of the Principal to the Board of Managers

GENTLEMEN :

We mark the passing of the school year 1937-38 in this, our annual report for that period. As we set down a few events that should be permanently recorded we feel that this has been a year of accomplishment, not only here at the school but in work for the blind generally.

Our report is necessarily limited in length, so that we have retained only the information that we think will be most useful and generally interesting.

The School opened for its 106th year on the 15th of September, 1937.

<b>Increase in Per Capita Appropriation</b>	On July 14th, 1937, we received a letter from Dr. Lester K. Ade, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, in which we were advised that the Commonwealth had appropriated \$261,620 for the biennium of 1937-39, or provision for 206 Pennsylvania pupils at the per capita rate of \$635 per year. The increase in per capita per pupil is \$45, which means a total increase of about \$18,000 for the biennium. We are grateful for this increase, which is so greatly needed to meet the actual cost of the tuition and maintenance of State pupils in this school, in accordance with the School Law.
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<b>Attendance at Convention of A. A. W. B. and Annual Meeting of A. P. H.</b>	The Principal attended the 17th Biennial Convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind held at Toronto, Canada, from June 28th to July 2nd. The membership of this Association is made up from agencies, workshops and Commissions for the Blind in the United States and Canada. However, there were delegates there from England and Hawaii. Many of the Superintendents of the Schools attend this convention because the function and program are so closely allied with those of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind.
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This was one of the best conventions I have ever experienced. There were over four hundred delegates in attendance.

From Toronto, I went to Louisville for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the American Printing House for the Blind. The superintendents of the Schools for the Blind in the United States are trustees of this corporation.

On August 24th, Bill No. 4582 was passed by the Senate providing \$50,000 additional a year to the Printing House for the Blind. This will be used to provide talking-book records to be used in class-room work, and records will be made to correspond with needed text-books. The talking-book will be of very great assistance to teachers of the blind.



**Higher Education for Overbrook Graduates**

Four of our former students reached milestones in their specialized training this June.

HELEN LOUISE RIEDY, having for four years studied at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, reached graduation with the highest of recommendations from the director of the school and from her teachers. They strongly urged another year of study in music and we hope that this will be possible.

ANNETTE DINSMORE completed the second and last year of the Home Teacher Training Course, which consisted largely of study at the Pennsylvania School of Social Work, and practice work with the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society. We are already concerned in the matter of her employment for next year.

ISAAC DORNBLUM, former student and for the past two years a part-time teacher at Overbrook, received the degree of Master of Arts in History at the University of Pennsylvania in June.

THOMAS BENHAM graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Haverford College at the same time.

GLADYS SCHOCKLEY reached the middle of her senior year at the University of Pennsylvania in the College of Liberal Arts, in June, where her splendid scholastic record entitled her to a scholarship for another year. She has continued to utilize to great advantage the excellent secretarial training she received at Overbrook.

ROBERT ALLMAN has completed his third year in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Pennsylvania where he is maintaining a consistently high scholastic average, one which recently brought him the award of membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

THERESA GORMAN, in the Department of Early Childhood Education at Temple University, has completed her Junior year.

HELEN KAPLONIAK has been a Junior at New Jersey College for Women, where she is majoring in the Social Sciences.

Our sophomores this year have been MARGARET DEAVER, LOUISE ROMANICK and P. FRANK MILLER. Louise, against considerable odds, has made a good record for herself at the Sargent School of Physical Education at Boston University. Margaret is very happy in her work in Home Economics at Drexel Institute, where she is making an excellent record. The Pennsylvania Federation of Junior Women's Clubs has been largely responsible for making Margaret's college work financially possible. Frank Miller is successfully tackling the Pre-Osteopathic Course at Temple University.

BERTINE MEADE, who graduated last year from the Phillipsburg, New Jersey High School, is just completing his freshman year at Lafayette University in Easton, Pennsylvania.

LIBRANDE CALTAGIRONE has taken his first year of the pre-law course at Temple University. Both these young men have made enviable scholastic records.

**State Scholarship Aid** The greater part of this higher education would not have been possible without the assistance of the State Scholarship Aid provided by the Commonwealth through the Department of Public Instruction. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for this assistance.

**Success of Former Pupils** DOROTHY DEREMER, now attending Liberty High School at Bethlehem, was selected to compete in the State-wide essay contest on The United States Constitution. Dorothy was one of two who represented the Liberty High School in the regional contest for a college scholarship. She used her braille typewriter in writing her essay.

ROBERT ALLMAN, a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, and Middle Atlantic States National A. A. U. champion and runner-up in the Eastern Intercollegiates, was elected next year's wrestling captain. This gave Allman the honor of being the first blind athletic captain in the history of the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition, Robert was elected to Senior Council of the University of Pennsylvania, by a vote of the student body. Later in the year we learned that Robert was also elected to the Sphinx Society, one of the highest honors to be awarded at the University.

MILDRED L. SCHORPP, former pupil, received her B. S. in Education from Temple University, with commendation from her teachers. We are happy to report that she has been appointed teacher of the second grade at the New Mexico School for the Blind, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

SYLVAN L. CHRONISTER, a graduate of Overbrook in 1928, received his degree of Bachelor of Laws from Dickinson College. Under arrangements made by the Bureau of Rehabilitation, Mr. Chronister will enter the office of a lawyer in Harrisburg.

KATHRYN GLENN, Overbrook 1934, returned for a year and a half and specialized in commercial work. She has been appointed to the position of stenographer in the office of Walter S. Cowing, newly appointed Director of the National Youth Administration, at Harrisburg.

MARY GARRISON FORBES, Overbrook 1928, was appointed a visitor for the Department of Public Assistance on April 1, 1937, and is making an excellent record for herself. Mary graduated from Bucknell University in June, 1934, took post-graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and was employed here at the school from February, 1935 to April, 1937.

**Valuable Publicity** On December 18th, Mr. Walter S. Cowing, State Director of the National Youth Administration, spoke over Station KYW, on a national hook-up, in a broadcast of especial interest to us because one of our graduates, Kathryn Glenn, took part in it. Kathryn sat next to the "Mike" and transcribed the program in braille by means of the braille shorthand machine. The last two minutes of the program, a question and answer arrangement, brought Kathryn herself on the air to tell about



her graduation from Overbrook, her preparation for her vocation, how she takes dictation, something more about her position as stenographer in the office of the director of the National Youth Administration at Harrisburg. Mr. Cowing, in a letter to the Principal, had one especially important sentence: "I am sure you will see the possibilities of public advertisement of the need of the blind, and a concrete example of work which few people believe the blind are capable of undertaking."

**Overbrook Day** Many years ago the custom was instituted of opening the school to the public one day in the year so that everyone might have an opportunity to see what was actually done here. For a while this excellent custom was omitted, but this year "Overbrook Day" was reinstated.

On Tuesday, May 24th, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., our school was thrown open to visitors, and demonstrations of class work were given. Some of the activities demonstrated were Braille reading and writing; social studies activity program; language activities; arithmetic; unified project in general science; geometry; French reading and translations; dramatics; card games; physical education; special class—blind and sight saving; demonstration of Talking Book; demonstration of a modern business office with blind employees; and all branches of manual work. There was a fashion show of dresses made and knitted; playground and athletic field activities, and a musical program in the auditorium.

We feel that the work of educating the public to the problems specifically connected with our students has been given greater impetus by reason of our "open house."

**Home Teachers' Training Course** This year Miss Annette Dinsmore was the only graduate from our Home Teachers' Training Course. A position in her chosen field seems assured.

**Joseph Iannace, Deaf-Blind Pupil** Arrangements were made for the enrollment of Joseph Iannace in the newly organized deaf-blind department in the New York Institute for the Blind. This arrangement was made possible through a State appropriation of \$900 (with \$100 extra for traveling expenses) and a scholarship of \$300 from the New York Institute.

Letters from Joseph and Mr. Arthur J. Ryan, head of this new department, reveal the fact that he is making what appears to be a very satisfactory adjustment to new surroundings, new teachers and new companions. This is exceedingly gratifying to us all, as it justifies our faith in the possibility of liberating the spirit of the unfortunate little boy who came to us only five years ago.

**Request Program of Christmas Play** Several members of the Ohio Society of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Branch of the Dickens' Fellowship attended the Christmas Play, Dickens' "Christmas Carol" on December 16. These new friends were so enthusiastic in their commendation of the performance that each Society as a whole asked for a repetition performance. In accord-

ance with their request, the date January 13th was decided upon and the members of both societies, as well as about two hundred other persons, were invited. The audience was large, filling the auditorium comfortably, and was both discriminating and enthusiastic. This was a noteworthy performance. Stanley Plawa as Scrooge will long be remembered for his intelligent interpretation of a difficult character.

**Week for the Blind** Philadelphia's Eleventh Education Week for the Blind was held in the auditorium of Gimbel Brothers Store, from March 21st to 25th. A number of those in our organization worked long and earnestly on this "Week", outside of the work of preparing for Overbrook's participation. Miss Natalie Ruth organized our own program and co-operated on the general committee on Programs. Mr. Edward Burritt arranged an admirable program of radio broadcasting. Dr. Rollo F. Maitland had charge of the luncheon music. Credit is due Miss Ruth Sargent for her excellent work as corresponding secretary of the Executive Committee.

The School participated not only in the daily demonstration of methods of work at Overbrook, but in special programs for four days of the "Week". On Monday, a girls' gymnasium exhibition was staged; Tuesday, Kindergarten Games; Wednesday, Wrestling, and Friday, the Special Chorus of 36 pupils gave a musical program.

All the members of the staff and the pupils themselves worked hard to make our part of the "Week" a success, and the reports that came in later showed that it was well worth the effort.

**The Kindergarten or Primary Department**

The Kindergarten Department has recently been given the name of Primary Department, which we think a much more appropriate title, since the Kindergarten, First and Second Grades are all housed in the one building. This year the group of youngsters comprising these grades have made several interesting excursions—one to Sears and Roebucks' store at 63rd and Market Streets to see mounted animals, birds and reptiles. The children listened attentively to descriptions of the deer, fox, skunk, squirrel, pheasant, partridge, owl and many other mounts. They handled and examined each mount and gained much knowledge of these animals. They also visited the Zoological Garden and were greatly interested in the tame animals which they could see and handle.

The household department at the Primary Building admits four student pupils and trains them in the work of caring for young children. This consists of assisting in the dining room, putting the children to bed, helping them dress in the morning, and twice a week helping to bathe the children.

**Campfire Groups** This year in the Campfire Girls group has been marked by several important changes, not the least of which is the work of two new guardians—Mrs. Audrey Keene as guardian of the younger group, and Miss Martha Pfleger with the older group. Campfire activities were new to both these teachers but they have entered into the spirit of the work. Both groups continue to average twenty girls and all work centers in the Campfire room, of which the girls are so proud. During the early part



of the year, the sewing classes made new curtains for the windows. Each week two girls keep the Campfire room in order and seem to enjoy taking out all the furniture on the day that it is thoroughly cleaned and re-arranging it to suit those who are responsible for the room that week.

Since Mrs. Keene was so new to the work, I wish to pay tribute to one of the older members of the Hapovgi group who took over the work of the younger group with Mrs. Keene. Having received much in Campfire as a member of the Hapovgi group, Josephine Toboleski, one of our seniors, gave of herself in the spirit of Campfire to the younger girls.

Throughout the year the girls in both groups have been working for "honors", which is a reward given when a definite amount of work has been accomplished. When a sufficient number of "honors" has been won, the girl will have earned a trip to camp for the week end. Girls of these two groups with their guardians will go to the Campfire Camp at Pottstown, Pa.

#### **Visit of Graduate to School**

During the week of October 3, 1937, we were visited by Miss Genevieve Caulfield and her Japanese adopted daughter, Haruko. Miss Caulfield addressed us on a number of occasions on her work in Japan. Following her graduation here, Miss Caulfield studied music with Dr. Wood, then attended Trinity College for three years, obtaining her degree after a year at Columbia. Her ambition had always been to go to Japan, and after learning the language through exchanging English lessons for Japanese with a number of young men and women studying in this country, she arranged to go.

Miss Caulfield's arrival in Japan preceded the terrible earthquake of 1923 by only two months, and some of her experiences and successful efforts to be helpful during this sorry time, make stories worth hearing. She has since taught English in a high school of Tokio and has broadened her contacts and her sphere of usefulness in unbelievable ways. Her most recent effort has been social service work among the factory workers.

Miss Caulfield has returned to the United States to remain for one year. In this time she hopes to raise, by returns from her lectures and by contribution, \$30,000 for the purpose of starting work for the blind in Siam. She told us that not one thing is known or done for the blind in that country.

#### **David D. Wood, Memorial Services**

March 2nd, 1938 marked the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of David D. Wood, organist, composer, and Director of Music at Overbrook for many years. For forty-six years Dr. Wood served St. Stephen's Episcopal Church as organist and choir director. March 1st, St. Stephen's celebrated the anniversary of his birth by a memorial service. Two of his anthems were sung and Dr. Edward E. Allen, under whom he served so long at Overbrook, made a fitting address.

The next afternoon a second memorial service was held at Overbrook. Mr. G. C. Anthony, the bass in Dr. Wood's famous quartette at St. Stephen's, contributed intimate recollections. Dr. Rollo S. Mait-

land, Dr. Wood's most famous pupil of Overbrook, played a march written by his beloved teacher. Two of Dr. Wood's anthems were sung by the School chorus. Dr. Wood's life and achievements at the school and in the musical world of Philadelphia formed the subject of Dr. Allen's address to the school and Dr. Wood's admirers and friends in the audience. Dr. Allen considers Dr. Wood one of the noblest men of his acquaintance and Overbrook's outstanding alumnus.

**Death of Mr. Gest** Mr. Alexander Purves Gest, one of the Board's most valued members, passed away on January 22nd, in his eighty-fifth year. Mr. Gest was appointed to the Board in 1923. A survey of the annual reports since that time reveal the fact that Mr. Gest first served on the Instruction Committee, then in addition took over the Chairmanship of the Household Committee; in 1927 he accepted the chairmanship of the Committee on Future Policy (afterward called Financial Campaign). In 1935 Mr. Gest asked to be relieved of the responsibility of the chairmanship of the Household Committee, continuing, however, on its membership as well as on the other two committees.

Having retired from business, and living nearby, Mr. Gest made this school one of his chief interests, and he visited us on an average of once a week — always a welcome visitor. He knew the organization of the school itself, and many of the pupils, while the teachers were his personal friends. His accomplishment in learning to read braille by touch was most unusual . . . it would be interesting to know of some other person with sight who could do this. He embossed over sixty volumes for the use of the school library.

**Death of Miss Nellie G. McIntyre** The death of Miss Nellie G. McIntyre, who had retired in 1936, was a very real loss to the School where she had served so capably since 1911. Miss McIntyre came to Overbrook in 1911 as assistant in the printing office of the School, in addition to which she assisted two or three days a week with the bookkeeping in Mr. Delfino's office. Later Miss McIntyre took over the management of the printing office. She performed her tasks with thoroughness, accuracy and cheerfulness, although she longed to get back to teaching, which was her chosen field. When Mr. Samuel Norman took over the printing office, Miss McIntyre was placed in charge of the Special, the Dunning and the Reference Libraries. Here we always found her, ready, willing, interested and helpful.

Dr. Burritt particularly valued her painstaking services in research work and his splendid papers owe their backbone to her.

It was her work in the Home Teaching Course that brought Miss McIntyre her greatest satisfaction. She regarded its organization as a constructive piece of work, its application allowed her to be engaged in her beloved teaching. Her work with these classes was outstanding. A member who recently passed the very difficult examinations for social workers, said that he owed his success entirely to Miss McIntyre. She did more than teach, she inspired, at the same time exerting a beautiful and refining influence upon her students.



#### **Wrestling Meet**

On Friday, March 25th, at the invitation of Mr. Walter Moran, Unit Supervisor, Education of the Blind, W. P. A., our wrestling team went to Scranton to meet the Northeastern Pennsylvania Olympic prospects in an exhibition match at the Town Hall. For this admission was charged for the purpose of raising funds to purchase stand concessions for two blind people. The boys were accompanied by Mr. Quimby, coach, and the Principal. Robert Allman, now attending the University of Pennsylvania, and captain of their wrestling team, very kindly went along and presented an exhibition match with a wrestler from the Wilkes-Barre Y. M. C. A. which was a most impressive and gripping feature of the evening. The spectators were amazed at the variety of holds Allman demonstrated.

Our boys wrestled a group of young men picked in an elimination contest held throughout that district; this meant that they had the stiffest kind of competition. Nevertheless the score was 22 to 6 in favor of our lads.

According to Professor Costello, head of the WPA Educational Projects, it was one of the biggest occasions staged in Scranton for many years, and will do much to aid work for the blind in that area.

This match brought to a close the sixth undefeated season of wrestling by our boys. Eight matches were won this year—a total of forty straight matches won.

#### **Salesroom and Exchange**

During this year one important change has taken place; the head of the Salesroom and Exchange and our Placement Officer for many years, Mr. Liborio Delfino, died on October 11, 1937.\* His work has been carried on very ably by Mr. Edward Burritt, Assistant, who will continue to assume the full responsibility of the Salesroom and Exchange.

#### **W. P. A. Project**

We were very fortunate in being able to secure W. P. A. assistance to make improvements in the ground across the street from the school, used as an athletic field; the poultry plant is also located on this ground. Work was started on January 10, 1938, and continued until June; they graded the bank on 64th Street, built a wall and installed sidewalk and curbing on both 64th Street and Malvern Avenue, at no cost to us except for materials.

#### **Alumni and Alumnae Activities**

This year, at the Alumni and Alumnae banquets, held at the school after Commencement, there were 102 of the former and 42 of the latter, as well as many invited guests. We were especially glad to welcome Mr. Winthrop H. Battles, a member of our Board, at the Alumni banquet.

\* A short sketch of his life and what he has meant to Overbrook will be found as a supplement to this report.

According to the plan begun last year, both organizations were invited to remain as the School's guests from Friday evening, after the banquet, until Sunday noon. We can all testify to the beautiful spirit prevailing at these reunions and many letters have already been received, expressing the writer's deep gratitude for the privilege of returning to Overbrook for this visit.

#### Death of Miss Grier

Just after school closed for the summer Miss Amelia Grier, house-mother in Cottage "F", where our little girls live, died very suddenly while in the performance of her duties. Death was pronounced due to a heart attack, although there had never been a previous attack to our knowledge. She will be very keenly missed next year when school reopens. Her warmth of heart, sincerity and sympathetic handling of our little girls had made a place for her on our staff that will be hard to fill. For thirty years she presided over Cottage "F", where she won the hearts of her charges and endeared herself to us all.

Miss Grier was of a very happy disposition, unassuming to an extreme, but possessed of a sterling character which had an effect upon the girls by example as well as by precept. Fortunately, the Alumnae chose to give her a token of their affection at their banquet this year and to tell her how much she meant to them.

#### National Athletic Association of Schools for the Blind

In May of this year our boys and girls held their own track meet in participation in the N. A. A. S. B. This is a meet which has been held annually since 1907, the original plans for the Association being formulated at Overbrook. From ten to twenty schools participate each year. The score is figured on the basis of averages for each weight group rather than on the basis of the few best athletes. Results are sent by mail to a central office for comparison with the results from the other schools entering. All pupils take part unless excused by the physician.

Overbrook has won first place in this meet for three consecutive years. There is a beautiful trophy in the trophy case which is now in the permanent possession of Overbrook by virtue of three straight wins. This speaks well for the general physical condition of our student body.

#### Changes in the Staff

The following resignations took place during this school year: Hazel Andrews, W. Hartford, Conn., girls' physical education instructor between 1931 and 1935 and last year girls' grade teacher; Mrs. Grace Sargent, Sargentville, Maine, reader and printer of braille, and teacher of the third grade, girls' school, since 1926; Emily C. Gourlie, Allston, Mass., girls' physical instructor during the past year; Donald K. McIntyre, Drexel Hill, teacher of science and mathematics and supervisor of poultry husbandry last year; William McKay, West Chester, teacher of manual arts; Pauline Boeshore Zimmerman, Philadelphia, kindergartener for four years; Mrs. Minnie D. Farley, Wilmington, Del., housemother in Cottage "D" for four years; Mrs. Ellar Jane Shiner, Philadelphia, housemother in Cottage "A" since last March.



The following people joined our school staff during the year: Martha Pfleger, Philadelphia succeeded Miss Gourlie as girls' physical instructor; David V. Goodman, Ardmore, was appointed to take Mr. McIntyre's place as teacher of science and mathematics and supervisor of poultry husbandry; Romulus Leonardo, Philadelphia, filled Mr. McKay's place as teacher of manual arts; Marie Anna Brodbeck, Philadelphia, succeeded Mrs. Zimmerman as kindergartener; Isora Roush, Lebanon became housemother in Cottage "D" in Mrs. Farley's place; Helen McCurdy, Lebanon, was employed as housemother in Cottage "A" to succeed Mrs. Shimer.

Space does not permit more detailed records of our staff, both new and old, much to our regret.

**In Appreciation**

At the conclusion of this, my second year as Principal, I want to take this opportunity to state that the accomplishments of the year and the progress made in new endeavors have been made possible by a staff that has co-operated in every way, and by the support and encouragement of the Board of Managers, who have lent their efforts and judgment toward the betterment of our school.

May I say at this time that my appreciation is wholehearted and sincere, and I realize that unity makes it possible to attain the goal toward which we are all working.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Cowgill,      Principal.







RESULTS OF A SEWING CLASS



# STATISTICS

For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 1938

## Movement of Population

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Resident at last report -----	132	98	230
Admitted -----	27	21	48
Population -----	159*	119*	278*
Discharged -----	26	14	40
Resident at close of year -----	133	105	238

\*Two boys were both discharged and readmitted during this period, so actual number of individuals represented is 276; 157 boys and 119 girls.

## Birthplaces of Pupils

Number of children foreign born -----			3
Italy -----	2	China -----	1
Number of children native born of foreign parents -----			70
Italy -----	30	Denmark -----	1
Austria -----	9	Germany -----	1
Poland -----	9	Lithuania -----	1
England -----	3	Scotland -----	1
Hungary -----	3	Wales -----	1
Russia -----	3	Ecuador-Spain -----	1
Ireland -----	2	England-Russia -----	1
Austria-Hungary -----	1	Ireland-Scotland -----	1
Czechoslovakia -----	1	Poland-Russia -----	1
Number of children native born of native parents -----			192
White -----	168	Colored -----	24
Records incomplete -----			11
Number of children enrolled, June 1, 1937 to May 31, 1938 -----			276

(Research Department, August 15, 1938.)

## Age at admission of the 48 pupils received during the year:

<i>Age</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>No.</i>
4 -----	1	12 -----	2	21 -----	1
5 -----	3	14 -----	2	23 -----	2
6 -----	2	15 -----	2	26 -----	1
7 -----	4	16 -----	1	27 -----	1
8 -----	3	17 -----	2	28 -----	1
9 -----	2	18 -----	4	30 -----	1
10 -----	5	19 -----	3	33 -----	1
11 -----	2	20 -----	2		

There has been a larger number of older students admitted this year than usual. In each case the individual has come for special training in a certain field or for a period of adjustment following loss of vision.

Of the students admitted, 47 were from Pennsylvania and 1 from New Jersey. Of those in attendance during the year, 256 were from Pennsylvania, 13 from New Jersey and 7 from Delaware.

Time in School of 40 Discharged Pupils  
June 1, 1937 to May 31, 1938 inclusive

<i>Time here</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Time here</i>	<i>No.</i>
Less than 1 year -----	6	9 years -----	1
1 year -----	4	10 " -----	2
2 years -----	7	11 " -----	1
3 " -----	3	12 " -----	4
4 " -----	2	13 " -----	1
5 " -----	2	14 " -----	2
7 " -----	1	15 " -----	2
8 " -----	2		

**Ophthalmologist’s Report:** The following grouping of the 48 new admissions during the year indicates the causes of blindness; the etiology grouping will also be of interest in this comparison :

<b>Disease</b>		<b>Etiology</b>
Optic atrophy -----	8	Congenital 5; Hereditary 1; B.T.* 1; Tr.* 1.
Congenital cataracts -----	5	Congenital 5.
Ophthalmia neonatorum -----	6	Congenital 2; Infection at birth 4.
Buphthalmos -----	5	Congenital 3; Hereditary 2.
Retino-choroiditis -----	5	Congenital 1; Hereditary 1; illness & infection 2; undet. 1.
Myopia -----	4	Congenital 4.
Retinitis pigmentosa -----	3	Congenital 1; Hereditary 2.
Sympathetic ophthalmia -----	2	Traumatic 2.
Trauma -----	2	Traumatic 2.
Uveitis -----	2	Focal infection 2.
Albinism -----	1	Congenital.
Aniridia -----	1	Congenital.
Detachment of retina and macular chorido-retinitis each eye -----	1	Myopia.
Dislocation of lens -----	1	Congenital.
Juvenile macular degeneration --	1	Hereditary.
Macular choroiditis -----	1	Congenital.
	48	

\*Brain tumor and Trauma.

**Relatives Blind:** Of the forty-eight pupils admitted during the year, twenty-five are listed as having no relatives blind. Concerning those remaining there are to be found some interesting facts. One boy with a diagnosis of dislocation of the lens has a father and two brothers with defective vision. A girl with high myopia has one sister who wears glasses and whose mother, grandmother and great-grandmother were near-sighted. A boy with progressive myopia has a father almost totally blind from cataracts; his grandfather also has cataracts. Another lad with cataracts had a father and two sisters who wore glasses. An albino girl has two brothers who wear glasses—one a possible applicant for this school. A little girl with retinitis pigmentosa has an aunt and uncle who have cataracts. A boy with a diagnosis of retino-choroiditis has a mother, two sisters and a brother who wear glasses.

**Health:** Few children have had contagious diseases this year, although the resulting quarantines have caused considerable inconvenience. Three primary grade children were sent to the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases, one with scarlet fever, another with diphtheria, and the third with measles. The latter child was sent to the hospital in order to protect other children in the infirmary, several of whom were recovering from tonsillectomies. One other case of measles and one of chicken pox developed during the year. In no instance did any other child contract the disease, thereby necessitating the minimum of quarantine. The months of January and February brought us the usual epidemic of colds and grippe, and extra nurses were secured for that period.

### Summary of Work Done by the Salesroom and Exchange

The following tabulated statement indicates the nature and amount of work done from June 1, 1937 to May 31, 1938.

Pianos tuned -----	714	Baby carriage repaired -----	1
		Baskets made and repaired --	21
CANING:		Baskets (reed collection) ----	124
Chairs -----	1440	Brooms sold -----	513
Rush -----	145	'' '' Toy -----	3
Pith -----	65	'' '' Whisk -----	57
Benches -----	31	Hammocks -----	1
Settees -----	15	Hampers, willow -----	1
Radiator Covers -----	14	Rag Rugs -----	74
Binding Cane -----	13	Rag Carpet -----	24
	—	Scrubbing brushes -----	3
	1723	Stool frames -----	1

During this fiscal year \$5,612.48 has been paid through the Exchange to thirty-seven individuals, of whom three were *not* former pupils.



# REPORT OF THE PRINTING OFFICE

JOSEPHINE LEE CHRYSLER, A.B., Manager

SAMUEL NORMAN, Stereotyper

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## Printing Office record for the twelve months ending May 31, 1938:

Number of brass plates embossed -----	648
Number of pages printed -----	10,389
Number of hand-written pages -----	2,346

## Transcriptions into Braille

Adams, Alma -----	The Lincoln Memorial
Bacon, L. B. -----	Name the Chicken
Bradley, Mary Esther -----	The Parade
Brooks, William E. -----	Memorial Day Today
Brown, Albert -----	Boys' Plays
Brown, Albert M. -----	The Mohawk Trail
Caruthers, W. A. -----	His Name was Bob
Cohen, George M. -----	Seven Keys to Baldpate
Coiset and Maurice -----	Histoire de la Litterature Creeque
Croften, T. -----	The Last Serpent
Cumnock, Robert McLean -----	Selections from Choice Readings
Daley, T. A. -----	My Besta Friend
Deming and Bemis -----	New Pieces for Every Day the Schools Celebrate
Down, Oliphant -----	The Maker of Dreams
Emerson, Ralph Waldo -----	Lincoln
Fenn, Edward B. -----	Not Wanted — A Wife
Fields James T. -----	The Owl Critic
Fortenbacker, Olive White -----	Big Java
Garrison, Theodosia -----	The Debt
Hanson, Robert S. -----	Course in Textile Chemistry
Hill, Clyde Walter -----	Lincoln
Hare, Walter Ben -----	New Monologues
Hubbard, Eleanore -----	The Swamp Fox
Johnson, Burger -----	I was 'Er Horse
Kastner, L. E. -----	New French Composition
Kelland, Clarence B. -----	The Forgotten Man

Kelly, Myra	A Christmas Present for a Lady
Lovejoy, Mary	Selections from Nature in Verse
Milne, A. A.	Buckingham Palace; When We Were Very Young
Moffet, Paul	Guffy's Folks
Moore, F. J.	Outlines of Organic Chemistry
Noble, May	The Bath Hour
Noyes, Alfred	The Highwayman
Proctor, William Martin	Vocations
Richmond, Cecil J.	Jimmy's Ghost
Rooney, Frances	Recital Readings
Ryerson and Clements	Rocking Chair
Saxe, John Godfrey	The Blind Men and the Elephant
Secley, Etta Squier	Beans for Dinner
Stedman Marshall	Monologues
Stevenson, Robert Louis	A Child's Garden of Verses
Thomas and Espenshade	Bible Readings
Townsend, Anne	The Cracker Conspiracy
Wells, Caroline	The Meaning of Thanksgiving

### Miscellaneous

Fourteen Poems from Assembly Book	Braille Contractions, Grade Two
Eight Plays for Girls from Assembly Book	Crochet Patterns
Intercollegiate Wrestling	Deck of Cards Brailled
Kindergarten Material	Directions for Guides
Law Notes	Geography Games
Leap Year, Leap	Knitting Patterns
W. P. A. Work	Magazine Price List

# LIST OF PUPILS

Enrolled During the Fiscal Year Ended May 31st, 1938

## GIRLS

Armstrong, June	Genthner, Esther E.	Palmer, Doris
Bailey, June	Genthner, Marian I.	Phillips, Mary R. D.
Bamber, Mary	Glenn, Katherine	Polacek, Dorothy
Barnard, Dorothy J.	Glick, Margaret	Presz, Catherine
Bentz, Virginia	Gliem, Evelyn Emma	Prosser, Alma
Berger, Virginia	Graver, Alta Marie	Pugliese, Kathryn
Bienenstock, Beatrice	Guida, Linda	Reale, Elvira
Blaschack, Olga	Hackett, Marjorie H.	Reilly, Mary Lou
Bogner, Lorraine	Hons, Mildred V.	Rist, Charlotte
Bossert, Janice	Hudson, Fredonia	Ritchey, Doris
Boyer, Anna C.	Hughes, Joan	Rose, Arline
Brandt, Joyce Ann	Humm, Bernice	Salvin, Anna
Brown, Carrie L.	Italiano, Susie	Sattezahn, Helen L.
Bunt, Marian	Janicko, Mary	Seawright, Pauline
Calapa, Grace	Kapelus, Mary	Seville, Vada
Capparell, Florence	Kieffer, Joyce	Sharp, Thelma
Carichner, Nadine	Kimbrough, Jeannette	Sine, Marian E.
Chrin, Mary	Kirk, Evelyn	Sine, Myrtle
Coleman, Mary	Kirkley, Maud	Sirianni, Raffelina Lena
Collins, Jeannette	Klos, Mary	Smith Marjorie
Cooper, Angeline	Krause, Elda May	Snipe, Janie Louise
Cordaro, Josephine	Lawler, Marie C.	Snyder, Ann Therese
Crosby, Sarah	Lennon, Claire	Stevens, Gwendolyn
Davis, Marion	Luchsinger, Beverly	Stevens, Mary
Davis, Jeannette	McClellan, Edith	Stutzbach, Marian
Deraco, Catherine	McCullough, Helen	Suraci, Antonia
Deremer, Dorothy	McCullough, Elizabeth	Suraci, Mary
DiMasci, Mary	Manley, Alice	Thomas, Blanche R.
DiPasquale, Lucy	Marconi, Frances	Thursby, Edith
Donahue, Grace M.	Mays, Ruth	Toboleski, Josephine F.
Dreisigmeyer, Anna	Menchey, Loeda	Torcivia, Theresa
Eberly, Raye	Miller, Elizabeth	Totino, Doris
Engle, Fay	Moyer, Doris L.	Trexler, Shirley Anne
Esher, Elsie	Muff, Mary	Van Doren, Mildred L.
Evancick, Helen	Nathaniel, Carrie	Waters, Mary Jane
Favinger, Marjorie	Obest, Lillian M.	Weisenborn, Gladys
Felicetti, Lillian	Odenheimer, Doris	White, Catherine
Fern, Mary	Omlor, Marian E.	White, Martha
Fill, Stella	Oxenford, Helen	Woodburn, Mary
Frey, Florence	Palmer, Betty Jane	

## BOYS

Alexander, William	Argo, James	Barrall, James E.
Allen, James F.	Bailey, Dallas J.	Barroll, Robert D.
Alksmant, Leonard	Bailor, Maurice	Bayliss, Harold H.
Allwein, Herman	Banks, Floyd	Bigger, Earl Lopes Jr.
Anderson, Herbert	Barkovich, Ferdinand	Boccelli, Patsy

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Breidenstine, Allen M.	Hall, Robert C.	Perry, Joseph
Brobst, Paul H.	Hanchak, Michael	Plawa, Stanley P.
Brown, David C.	Heineman, Robert R.	Prettyman, James
Brown, Donald G.	Henry, Reginald	Price, L. Leroy
Brownstein, Robert	Hoffman, Willard A.	Quill, Edward
Caltagirone, Librande	Hoke, G. Robert	Quin, William
Cameron, Joseph	Huberman, Milton	Ramble, Clifford W.
Cantalmi, Ralph	Huyett, Luke	Reed, George L.
Cevet, Dominick	Iannace, Joseph	Reed, Vincent
Coleman, Robert	Johnson, Charles R.	Reigh, Eugene
Collins, Charles	Johnson, Ralph	Russek, Frank
Cooper, Chester	Johnson, William	Samworth, Charles
Coursault, Thomas	Jones, Theodore	Savitz, Donald B.
Crea, Carmen	Jones, William J.	Scanlon, William
Damico, Anthony	Jopling, Ralph N.	Schuckert, Carl
Davison, John S. J.	Kapuchinski, John	Segal, Arthur
De Long, Theodore	Kerr, Jephtha H.	Serafin, George
Dickson, John	Kettell, George H.	Sharff, Leon
DiGirolamo, Nello	Key, William	Sharpe, William
Dilbeck, Buford F. Jr.	Kirklo, Edward	Shott, Theodore
Dougherty, Robert	Kormanski, Henry	Sine, Raymond
Dowd, John Jr.	Klopp, Clyde	Small, Richard
Drake, John W.	Klose, William	Smith, Benjamin F.
Dunn, Lester	Krynuk, Edward	Smith, George
Dutko, Joseph	Kuhkauskas, Joseph	Smith, Roy K. Jr.
Eberwein, George	Laager, Edward	Sopke, Joseph
Edgerton, Arthur	Lilly, Harry C.	Souders, George
Edson, Thomas	Link, Charles	Stocker, Clifford
Ege, C. Robert	Long, John	Stokes, Edward
Evans, Carl	McDonald, Frederick	Strang, William
Floray, Albert F.	McDonald, William	Sullivan, Joseph
Flowers, Alfred	Marcucci, George	Swoyer, Hugh
Force, Russell A.	Marcucci, Raymond	Testa, Michael
Foster, Herman	Meecham, William	Thompson, Rudolph
Frederickson, Edward	Meixsell, Philip	Turiosey, John
Fritz, Marvin	Michael, Richard	Tuso, Philip
Gardner, William	Miller, H. Taylor Jr.	Ventresca, Arthur
Garnett, David E.	Miller, James Ivan	Walsh, Francis X.
Garrett, Robert B.	Miner, Richard	Wentzel, Russell
Gaskill, Edward	Mollica, Samuel	Whitby, Thomas S.
Gillen, John	Moore, John	Wild, Roscoe
Glenn, Robert H.	Morris, Thomas	Williams, Ernest G. Jr.
Gohl, Robert	Ness, Myron	Windle, Albert
Good, Thomas	Nowaczyk, Norman	Winters, James J.
Greco, Vincent	Ober, Wayne	Wright, Edward D.
Groff, Lester A.	O'Neill, Edward	Zazow, Alex
Groller, Edward	Parry, Austin	
Hall, Charles F.	Perese, Anthony	



# Distribution of Pupils According to INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENTS

## Total Enrollment, 1937-38

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
SUPERIOR					
Above 130 -----	2	4	6	2.2	
120 - 129 -----	5	3	8	2.9	
110 - 119 -----	16	11	27	9.7	14.8
AVERAGE					
100 - 109 -----	28	18	46	16.7	
90 - 99 -----	31 (2)	22	53	19.2	35.9
DULL					
80 - 89 -----	34 (5)	29	63	22.8	22.8
BACKWARD					
70 - 79 -----	23 (3)	15 (1)	38	13.8	13.8
PROBABLY F. M.					
Below 70 -----	14 (9)	15 (2)	29 (11)	10.5	10.5
NOT TESTED -----	4	2	6	2.2	2.2
	<hr/> 157	<hr/> 119	<hr/> 276	<hr/> 100.	<hr/> 100.

## Regular School, Opportunity Class Omitted

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
SUPERIOR -----	23	18	41	16.1
AVERAGE -----	57	40	97	38.2
DULL -----	29	29	58	22.8
BACKWARD -----	20	14	34	13.4
PROBABLY F. M. -----	5	13	18	7.1
NOT TESTED -----	4	2	6	2.4
	<hr/> 138	<hr/> 116	<hr/> 254	<hr/> 100.

NOTE: Because the ungraded class (Opportunity Class indicated by numbers in parenthesis in the upper table), is so integral a part of school, the form of these tables has been changed and care must be taken when comparing them with those of previous years.

Research Department, August 18, 1938.

# FORMER PUPILS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOLS, PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

September 1937 — June 1938

## GIRLS

Name	Residence	Special Form of Education	
Deaver, Margaret K.	-----Peach Bottom, Pa.	-----Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia — Home Economics	-----Second
Deremer, Dorothy	-----Bethlehem, Pa.	-----Bethlehem High School	-----Post Grad.
Dinsmore, Annette	-----Philadelphia, Pa.	-----Pa. School of Social Work, Philadelphia	-----Second
Gorman, Theresa	-----Philadelphia, Pa.	-----Temple University — Early Childhood Education	-----Third
Kaplioniak, Helen	-----Camden, N. J.	-----New Jersey College for Women, New Brunswick — Social Sciences	-----Third
Riedy, Helen Louise	-----Williamsport, Pa.	-----Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y.	-----Fourth
Romanick, Louise	-----Philadelphia, Pa.	-----Sargent School of Physical Education, Boston University	-----Second
Shockley, Gladys	-----Philadelphia, Pa.	-----University of Pennsylvania — The College	-----Fourth
Sullivan, Elizabeth	-----Sayre, Pa.	-----Elmira College for Women, Elmira, N. Y.—Social Sciences	-----Second

## BOYS

Allman, Robert	-----Philadelphia, Pa.	-----University of Pennsylvania — The College	-----Third
Benham, Thomas	-----Ardmore, Pa.	-----Haverford College, Haverford, Pa.	-----Fourth
Caltagirone, Librande	-----Philadelphia, Pa.	-----Temple University — School of Business Administration	-----First
Dornblum, Isaac	-----Philadelphia, Pa.	-----University of Pennsylvania — The College	-----Post Grad.
Johnson, Ralph	-----Williamsport, Pa.	-----Williamsport High School	-----Fourth
Meade, Bertine	-----Phillipsburg, N.J.	-----Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.	-----First
Miller, Franklin P.	-----Philadelphia, Pa.	-----Temple University — Pre-Osteopathic	-----Second
Scanlon, William	-----Philadelphia, Pa.	-----Northeast Catholic High School	-----Fourth
Weatherby, Willard	-----Russell, Pa.	-----Pennsylvania State College	-----Third







THIRD GRADE UNIT ON DUTCH LIFE



## Financial Campaign

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Our financial campaign began in May, 1928, having as its objects the raising of funds to be used for current expenses, thereby reducing our deficit, and the establishing of a Building Fund to be used to remodel the "Graduate Cottage" where the older boys are housed.

Despite numerous set-backs these two funds have grown to the following proportions:

Cash received since June 1, 1928:

<i>Current Expenditures</i>	<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
\$60,284.40	\$30,476.00	\$90,760.40

From June 1, 1937 to May 31, 1938, we received, as a result of our appeal, the following amount: \$4,463.50

The list of contributors for the year ended May 31st, 1938, is as follows:

Alden, Ezra Hyde -----	\$ 20.00	Clegg, John William -----	10.00
Allen, Evelyn Wilford -----	25.00	Coale, Thomas E. -----	5.00
American Fabricated Steel Co. --	5.00	Coles, Miss Mary Roberts -----	50.00
Anonymous -----	115.00	Calladay, Mrs. Charles T. -----	5.00
Atkinson, James H. -----	5.00	Coxe, Mrs. A. B. -----	10.00
Audenreid, Elizabeth L. -----	10.00	Cret, Paul P. -----	10.00
Allen, Wm. J. P. -----	10.00	Crooks, C. Douglass -----	10.00
Bachman, DeForest L. -----	5.00	Carpenter, Aaron E. -----	10.00
Baringer, Milton F. -----	25.00	Chevalier, Hope -----	10.00
Behrend, Moses, M.D. -----	1.00	Cheston, Mrs. Chas. S. -----	10.00
Bein, August -----	20.00	Coleman, Laura H. -----	5.00
Bell, John C. Jr. -----	25.00	Caner, Gerald W. -----	5.00
Berlinger, Mrs. Emmalina M. --	5.00	Carruthers, Mary R. -----	10.00
Berwind, Mrs. Henry A. -----	10.00	Carey, Joseph M. -----	10.00
Bloch, Mrs. Gordon A. -----	50.00	Dahl, Henry C. -----	20.00
Bloch, Louis -----	10.00	Day, Mrs. Charles -----	25.00
Bower, Frank B. -----	175.00	de Schweinitz, Dr. George E. --	10.00
Brinton, Clarence C. -----	5.00	Ditter, G. Harry -----	10.00
Barnes, Mrs. Laura L. -----	10.00	Dolan, Mrs. Clarence W. -----	10.00
Bachman, B. B. -----	10.00	Dolfinger, Henry -----	10.00
Buck, J. Clifton -----	10.00	Dorney, Mrs. O. C. -----	5.00
Bullock, Mrs. Horace -----	15.00	Dunn, Mrs. C. Newbold -----	12.50
Beans, Carrie B. -----	2.00	Dolan, H. Yale -----	25.00
Brecht, W. A. -----	10.00	Dannenbaum, Mrs. Herman -----	10.00
Bippert, Mrs. Katherine B. ----	1.00	Drexel, Mrs. George W. C. -----	25.00
Breyer, Mrs. Edith S. -----	20.00	Edgar, Albert H. -----	10.00
Caldwell, Mrs. J. E. -----	10.00	Edmonds, Mrs. Samuel C. -----	5.00
Calwell, Mrs. Chas. S. -----	10.00	Feldman, Dr. Jacob B. -----	10.00
Castner, Philip A. -----	10.00	Ford, Mrs. Bruce -----	10.00
Chew, Miss Elizabeth B. -----	25.00	French, Mrs. Thos. E. -----	3.00



Frick, Mrs. Chas. G. -----	5.00	Levy, Lionel F. -----	25.00
Friedman, Mrs. S. G. -----	5.00	Linton, M. A. -----	10.00
Frizzell, Charles F. -----	10.00	Lloyd, Stacy B. -----	10.00
Fry, Mrs. James W. -----	10.00	Luden, Wm. H. -----	25.00
Fry, Mrs. Wilfred W. -----	100.00	Lugg, C. H. -----	5.00
Fownes, Mrs. Wm. Clarke -----	5.00	Levering, Frank D. -----	10.00
Fisher, Thomas -----	10.00	Loeb, Mrs. Arthur -----	10.00
Geiger, Mrs. Fred J. -----	10.00	Lester, Joseph G. -----	10.00
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Funds were solicited by Mrs. Hull during the 1937-38 term for the purpose of modernizing and enlarging our museum, which has long been in need of new and up-to-date subjects. Among other projects which have benefited by Mrs. Hull's work are the Instructional Museum, Senior Boys' Cottage, Centenary celebration, Graduate Loan Fund, Elizabeth Roe Dunning Club Fund, and others.

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One Hundred and Sixth Year

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1938 at 10:30 A.M.

CHORUS . . . . . Hymn to the Eternal . . . . . Schubert  
POEMS . . . . . The Road to Victory . Martha Washington White  
MARTHA WHITE

DUO . . . . . Pastorale . . . . . Guilmant  
Piano: STANLEY PLAWA  
Organ: HERBERT ANDERSON

READING . . . . . Swan Song . . . . . Katherine R. Brooks  
JOSEPHINE TOBOLESKI

CHORUS . . . . . In Springtime . . . . . Moszkowski  
(Arranged by Lewars)

VALEDICTORY . . . . . William Scanlon

QUINTET . . . . . Tannhauser Overture . . . . . Wagner  
Pianos: STANLEY PLAWA ROBERT HALL  
HERBERT ANDERSON LEON SHARFF  
Organ: DR. LEWARS

Presentation of Diplomas and Announcement of Prizes  
JAMES P. HUTCHINSON, M.D., President

SCHOOL SONG . . . . . "Overbrook" . . . . . The School

GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1938

JOHN DAVISON . . . . . Philadelphia  
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Martha Washington White      William Scanlon

HARRISON PRIZES FOR INDUSTRIAL WORK

Marian I. Genthner      Wayne Ober

BROWN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH

Esther Genthner

BOYS' PRIZE FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH

Albert Windle

GIRLS' PRIZE FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH

Alice Manley

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Virginia Berger	Josephine Toboleski
Angeline Cooper	Mary Jane Waters
Esther Genthner	Gladys Weisenborn
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Alta Marie Graver	Robert Hall
Mildred Hons	Ralph Jopling
Asunta Italiano	Henry Kormanski
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Frances Marconi	Stanley Plawa
Catherine Presz	Leon Sharff
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Olga Blaschack          Anna Dreisigmeyer

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Leon Sharff

TYPEWRITING PRIZE

John Davison

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AWARD

Elsie Esher                  Esther Genthner

WINNERS OF THE DECLAMATION CONTEST: Girls' School

First Prize . . Josephine Toboleski

Second Prize . . . . Claire Lennon

Honorable Mention . . Stella Fill

JUDGE MARTIN CUP CONTEST

Robert Glenn — 20 Points

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Jeptha Kerr — 18 Points

ANNA WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE

Edith Thursby

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Anna Dreisigmeyer      William McDonald

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WILLIAM SCANLON, Northeast Catholic High School,  
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French Prize, "ex agquo" \$5.

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Member of class of 1937, who receives an  
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DOROTHY DEREMER, Bethlehem High School

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THOMAS BENHAM . . . . . HAVERFORD COLLEGE  
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Bachelor of Music

ISAAC DORNBLUM . . . . . UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Master of Arts — History







LIBORIO DELFINO



## Liborio Delfino

Born near Isernia, Italy, September 21, 1873, the son of a farmer, Liborio Delfino spent his boyhood as a shepherd, having the entire care of a large flock of sheep and goats. The work was very monotonous and hard and the pay for it belonged to his father; naturally he disliked it, and, after wringing an unwilling consent from his parents, he came to America to seek his fortune.

Liborio planned to go to South America; however, the outbreak of an epidemic at the port of arrival cancelled this plan. He then decided to come to the United States, and left his home March 21, 1889, sailing from Naples for New York City. After a day or two there, he went to Philadelphia and secured employment as a laborer at Bowmansville, Pa., and Avalon, New Jersey.

Work with a pick and shovel was not easy, but Liborio soon proved himself able, willing and indefatigably good-natured; he was one of the first to volunteer if there was any need for working overtime. His merits were recognized and he was soon drawing a man's wages, enabling him to pay back to his parents the money loaned him for his passage to America.

On December 4th, 1890, Liborio was working for a contractor at Fort Washington, Pa. Part of the work was blasting with dynamite; one of the charges failed to go off, and Liborio went up to it to investigate. He was standing directly over it when it exploded. This happened before the days of automobiles, and he was driven down the Bethlehem Pike by horse to the Germantown Hospital in Philadelphia, where he remained more than five months. His right arm was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated at the elbow immediately after his arrival. His eyesight was completely destroyed.

At seventeen years of age Liborio found himself blind and crippled, unable to speak English, and completely alone in a new land. What his feelings must have been can only be imagined; we do know that his great courage and apparent bravery won the sympathy and admiration of doctors and nurses alike. During the days of recovery spent in the hospital, Liborio learned much of value, not the least of which was the transition from a seeing to a blind existence. Several ladies who were frequent visitors there and who spoke Italian became interested in him and through them two managers, a wealthy Mr. Shoemaker and a rector, came to be much concerned for his welfare and became his lasting friends.

In spite of the kindness of these people to him, Liborio was bright enough to realize that there was a wide difference between himself and them, that difference which education and culture makes. He himself had never gone to school and could neither read nor write. He was now eighteen, rather old to begin, but when Mr. Shoemaker suggested that he go to a school for the blind, in spite of misgivings he was so anxious to please these people who had done so much for him, and was so desirous of being like them, that he went to make the trial.

Dr. Edward E. Allen, then Principal of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, went to visit him at the hospital and on May 25, 1891, immediately following his discharge from there Liborio entered the Institution where, not having had previous instruction in our language, he began the study of English.

Liborio's age and handicaps were against him; he was much older than the majority of the pupils; it was difficult for him to converse with anyone until he learned the English language; he had only one hand, and that a left one; and he was totally blind. He was miserably homesick and thought again and again that if those who were so much interested in him did not expect something of him, he would give up and return home. However, his innate courage returned, and in three months he had acquired a working knowledge of English, and starting right in with the primary class he passed from grade to grade, finishing the whole school course in a comparatively short time.

The handicaps that to many would have seemed insurmountable, to Liborio were only things to be borne with fortitude and overcome as much as possible. He thought out methods to suit his own particular case. As he had great difficulty with spelling he took a small dictionary and setting himself the stint of a certain number of pages a day he learned every word on those pages. If he was uncertain of the pronunciation of a word, he would have it pronounced over and over again until he was told that he had it right, then he could clinch that word and would never mispronounce it afterwards.

Again, he wanted to learn broom-making and had hours assigned him for the shop. Even the blind teacher in the broom shop felt that it would be impossible for Liborio ever to learn, with only one hand to do the work. However, one of the older boys offered to teach him, and before long Liborio made two good brooms. Then he taught half a dozen dullards who had been trying for months to master the trade, but so far without success.

When he felt that he knew English he was anxious to learn to read and write Italian. Books printed for the blind were procured from Italy, and you may imagine how pleased he was when he could write a letter home. He had learned to use a typewriter in the meantime, for he would not ask anyone to do anything for him that he could possibly do for himself. Later, as he wanted to read some Dante, part of the *Inferno* was embossed for him. This he read and reread until he had worn the pages through passing his fingers over them. He took up Latin in the same indefatigable way, and picked up a knowledge of German that he might encourage the new German boys until they could speak English.

During the time he was studying hard himself he was constantly helping fellows who were backward and who were losing interest in their work because they were falling behind. No matter how dull they might be he seemed to get hold of them and to be able to set them working.

Liborio was graduated in June, 1900, a member of the first regularly organized graduating class of the School. Here, too, immediately



after graduation he began a career of great usefulness as a teacher of reading and writing Braille, spelling and arithmetic; as a free-time and holiday occupation he devoted himself to hunting up eligible pupils who were not in school. This work took him all over the city and out into many lonely districts of the country. Sometimes he had a guide; often he went alone. Because he was such a speaking example of what the School can do for its pupils he could usually overcome any prejudices the parents might have toward enrolling their child, and the children he hunted up were pretty sure to be sent to school.

Gradually this field work was extended throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Between 5,600 and 6,000 cases were thus personally investigated.

On May 20, 1901, Liborio Delfino became a citizen of the United States; and in July, 1901, he visited his old home in Italy, but returned in October to take up his duties in the Boys' School.

The field work had expanded to such an extent and was felt so necessary that a special building was rented in 1910 and was conducted under the name "Salesroom and Exchange" with Mr. Delfino in full charge. Three objectives were strongly emphasized: Each State should have knowledge of the actual condition of the blind within its limits; each school should maintain the closest possible contact with its former pupils; and compulsory education should become a law. Mr. Delfino was an early advocate of practical and systematic home teaching.

As Field Officer in charge of the Salesroom and Exchange, Mr. Delfino made every effort to procure employment for former pupils and adults who had lost their sight. He was particularly helpful to the girls, for they, he believed, had the harder time of it. Indeed, it was astonishing how he managed to supply continuous home work, such as the reseating of chairs. Being himself business-like, he demanded that the blind should be so too. Every chair had to go through his office to be apportioned there and to be scrutinized when it was returned, and faulty work had to be done over. New applicants for home employment, therefore, who had not proved their workmanship, might have to do so in one of the office rooms used as a shop. Of course, payment to workers was made through him as representing the employer in a real business. He sent monthly reports of all transactions to Principal Burritt at Overbrook.

While much of this home work only contributed to self-support, the pay of most of his people in factories and stores sufficed to keep them; and some have held their jobs for years. The tuners in given factories and warerooms in and near Philadelphia were his boys. An Overbrook graduate has long tuned the city pianos, a contract he secured for him. The variety in the jobs he got was truly astonishing. For example, he placed a girl assembling hooks and eyes with the DeLong Company, and two girls molding centers for chocolates and bonbons in a candy factory.

Another branch of his work that was extremely successful was the placing of newly-blinded newspaper vendors, men who had had no connection with the school. He had a system of promotions for them, putting them into better places as they deserved it. How grateful they all

showed themselves to him: they were making good at last. One man had done well as a business salesman until he became blind: then his brave wife became the wage earner while he, caged man, sat idly at home, sick at heart and almost ready to take his life. Sensible Mr. Delfino proposed to him not broom-making, as occupational therapy, but a return to his salesmanship, making his contacts by telephone; this was done forthwith and so satisfactorily that the freed man became the family support again, exclaiming: "Whereas I was blind, now I see." Mr. Delfino often quoted this of himself.

Dr. Olin H. Burritt, then Principal of the School, who realized, more than most educators of the blind, that providing regular employment, or placement with follow-up, was an essential part of his school's duty, had his boys' head teacher and instructor in business methods, devote Wednesdays to scouring the country about Philadelphia with Mr. Delfino, whose idea it probably was. They visited schools in search of pianos to tune or chairs to reseat, etc.; also any factories or shops which might open up chances of employment. These trips were astonishingly successful, and continued until the depression made them profitless.

Two or three times a year Messrs. Burritt and Delfino and the two principal teachers, "the B. C. D's," would meet to consider what every departing pupil would do best. Out of these conferences grew many a successful plan for the future.

"To help and stimulate men to elevate themselves by their own free and individual action is one of the best and most effective ways of securing practical and permanent happiness to mankind. Let us remember that the spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual." These words were written by Mr. Delfino in 1911 when he was giving an account of his field work in New Jersey, and all who were well acquainted with him have had the truth of his words impressed upon them ever since. They represented not merely his theory, but his constant practice.

In August, 1931, he received a special gold medal and check for two hundred dollars from the Harman Foundation award with the wording: "Inspiration, Achievement, Economic Service to Blind—Liborio Delfino."

On June 28, 1933, at the "Get Together" dinner of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, Richmond, Virginia, he was the surprised recipient of a gold watch charm and a cane. The medallion bore the following inscription: "Presented to Liborio Delfino by Associates and Friends, June 28, 1933, in appreciation of thirty years of unremitting and unselfish service for the Blind."

The work he accomplished against overwhelming odds, the results he achieved after years of persistent endeavor, and the excellence of these accomplishments, made Liborio Delfino one of the outstanding blind men in America.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: We wish to thank Dr. and Mrs. Edward E. Allen for allowing us to use excerpts from their own articles on Mr. Delfino in order to make our own more complete.









THE BOYS' SWING BAND.



**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**Managers**

**OF THE**

**Pennsylvania Institution**

**FOR THE**

**Instruction of the Blind**



**1938---1939**

## Calendar for the School Year 1938-39

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September 13, 1938 ----- Opening of school term.

November 24 ----- Thanksgiving holiday.

December 20 ----- Christmas concert and play. Pupils go home  
for the holidays.

January 8, 1939 ----- School reopens after Christmas vacation.

March 30 ----- Easter vacation begins.

April 11 ----- School work resumes.

May 24 ----- Overbrook Day. School open to visitors.

June 13 ----- Spring concert.

June 15 ----- Promenade night.

June 16 ----- Commencement. Alumni and Alumnae ban-  
quets.



## **Proceedings of the One Hundred Seventh Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers**

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The stated annual meeting of the members of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind was held at 1305 Locust Street, Thursday, December 15, 1938 at 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Robins was elected Chairman and Mr. Price Secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Nominations of officers to serve for the ensuing year were made and on motion the Secretary was unanimously instructed to cast one ballot for those nominated. The Secretary reported that he had cast the ballot as directed, and the Chairman declared the following persons duly elected:

# OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION

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## Patron

HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ARTHUR H. JAMES

## President

JAMES P. HUTCHINSON, M.D. (1894)

## Vice-Presidents

GEORGE E. DE SCHWEINITZ, M.D. (1905)\*      CHARLES J. BIDDLE (1916)

WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, M.D. (1913)      ARTHUR N. COLES (1922)

NICHOLAS G. ROOSEVELT (1925)

## Secretary

PHILIP PRICE (1934)

## Treasurer

ALLSTON JENKINS (1930)

## Managers

HARRY W. HARRISON (1930)

WINTHROP H. BATTLES (1934)

CHARLES P. STOKES (1934)

EDMUND R. PURVES (1935)

C. TOWNSEND LUDINGTON (1935)

GEORGE WILLING PEPPER (1936)

EDWARD HOPKINSON, JR. (1937)

JAMES H. ROBINS (1937)

## Consulting Physicians

JOHN H. GIBBON, M.D. (1925)

ARTHUR NEWLIN, M.D. (1928)

\* Died, August 22, 1938.



# STANDING COMMITTEES

## Finance

CHARLES P. STOKES

PHILIP PRICE

ALLSTON JENKINS

GEORGE WILLING PEPPER

WINTHROP H. BATTLES

EDWARD HOPKINSON, JR.

## Instruction

WINTHROP H. BATTLES

HARRY W. HARRISON

WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, M.D.

JAMES H. ROBINS

C. TOWNSEND LUDINGTON

## Household

HARRY W. HARRISON

ALLSTON JENKINS

NICHOLAS G. ROOSEVELT

CHARLES J. BIDDLE

ARTHUR N. COLES

## Admission and Discharge

WINTHROP H. BATTLES

HARRY W. HARRISON

WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, M.D.

JAMES H. ROBINS

C. TOWNSEND LUDINGTON

## City Office

EDMUND R. PURVES

JAMES H. ROBINS

# OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

1938-39

ALBERT G. COWGILL, A.B., B.S. . . . . *Principal*

## Administrative Department

DOROTHY G. POWNALL . . . . . *Secretary to Principal*

RACHEL O. DWINELL, B.S. . . . . *Assistant Secretary*

GLADYS L. WEBBER . . . . . *Bookkeeper*

## Academic Department

NEAL F. QUIMBY, A.B., M.ED. . *Boys' Principal Teacher—Occupations, Phys. Ed.*

ETHEL K. ARTHUR, A.B., M.A., . *Girls' Principal Teacher—Am. History and Geog.*

EFFIE L. BULLARD . . . . . *Geography, Grammar, Spelling—Grades IV - VII*

AIMEE BEALER CHARLTON . . . *Speech Correotion, Expression and Declamation*

\*FRANCIS J. CUMMINGS, PH.D. . . . . *English and French—Grades IX - XII*

†\*MAE E. DAVIDOW, A.B. . . . . *Geography and History—Boys' School, Grade V*

DAVID V. GOODMAN, B.A. . *Biologic Seience, Poultry Husbandry—Grades VII - XI*

†\*ELWOOD M. GOVAN, B.S. . . . . *Latin and Arithmetie—Special Classes*

DOROTHY R. HARTMAN . . . . . *Boys' School—Grades III - V*

AUDREY KEENE . . . . . *Girls' School—Grades III - IV*

SARAH V. LONG, A.B. . . . . *Typewriting and Commercial Subjects*

RUTH MASLOW, B.A., M.A. . . . . *Prineipal Teacher—Opportunity Class*

NEALE MAXWELL . . . . . *Boys' School—Grades IV - V*

CONSTANCE MOREY . . . . . *Mathematics—Grades IV - XI*

MARY JANE MYERS, A.B. . . . . *English, Latin, Spelling—Grades VI - XI*

LEON PICON, A.B. . . . . *History, Grades VI - IX—Pencil Writing*

\*IDA E. PRICE . . . . . *Girls' School—Grade VI*

CELIA B. QUIMBY . . . . . *Co-ordinator of Volunteer Readers*

\*ANNE V. WARD, A.B. . . . . *Teacher of Braille—Special Classes*

## Physical Education Department

NEAL F. QUIMBY, A.B., M.ED. . . . . *Physical Director, Boys' School*

†\*ALLEN COX, B.A. . . . . *Assistant Teacher, Boys' School*

MARTHA PFLEGER GOODMAN, B.A. . . . . *Physieal Director, Girls' School*

\* Visually handicapped

† Part-time instructor



Primary Department

MARGARET A. PHILIPS . . . . . *Principal Teacher and First Grade*  
\*ANNA K. HARTMAN . . . . . *Second Grade*  
MARIE A. BRODBECK, B.S., M.S. . . . . *Kindergarten*  
ANNE WHITTELSEY, B.S. . . . . *Special Teacher*

Music Department

†RALPH P. LEWARS, A.B., MUS. D. . . . *Principal Teacher—Composition, Piano,  
Organ, Chorus*  
ELSIE E. BRUGGEMAN . . . . . *Piano*  
\*WILLIAM A. CURRLIN . . . . . *Tuning; Braille Music Librarian*  
†\*HARRY J. DITZLER, B.A., F.A.G.O. . . . . *Music Director—Opportunity Class*  
S. GERTRUDE REESS . . . . . *Piano, Solfeggio, Girls' Glee Club*

Manual Arts Department

\*MABEL COLVIN . . . . . *Hand and Machine Sewing, Basketry—Girls' School*  
†\*ELWOOD M. GOVAN, B.S. . . . . *Basketry and Netting—Boys' School*  
\*HERBERT HARTUNG . . . . . *Caning, Brushmaking, Leather Work—Boys' School*  
\*AUGUSTA HORNER . . . . . *Caning, Weaving, Leather Work—Girls' School*  
ROMULUS LEONARDO, B.S. . . . . *Woodwork, Metal Work—Boys' School*  
†\*AGNES LOCUSON . . . . . *Knitting*  
NATALIE RUTH . . . . . *Home Economics*

Library and Printing Office

JOSEPHINE L. CHRYSLER, A.B. . *Librarian, Print Library, Manager, Printing Office*  
\*JOHN D. FORBES . . . . . *Librarian, Braille Library*  
SAMUEL NORMAN . . . . . *Stereotyper*  
†\*IDA E. PRICE . . . . . *Finger Proof-reader*

Research Department

†SAMUEL P. HAYES, PH.D. . . . . *Director*  
†RUTH F. SARGENT, A.B. . . . . *Assistant*

Household Department

EDWARD P. SIMMONDS . . . . . *Steward*  
KATHERINE D. HOLCOMB . . . . . *Matron*  
ELIZABETH CHRISTENSEN . . . . . *Food Administrator*  
J. E. HUTCHISON . . . . . *Consulting Engineer*  
MICHAEL CRONIN . . . . . *Chief Engineer*

\* Visually handicapped  
† Part-time instructor

Housemothers

GIRLS		BOYS	
IZORA ROUSH	Senior	MINNIE S. BONNET	
HANNAH W. GORDON	Intermediate	EFFIE M. MOLAN	
MARY H. O'BRIEN	Junior	HELEN MCCURDY	
HARRIET CRAWFORD	Primary	LEILA D. MOORE	
CELIA QUIMBY	Housemother, Boys' Graduate Cottage		
MATTIE BERRY	Relief Housemother		

Health Department

WILLIAM DRAYTON, JR., M.D.	}	Physicians
FRANCIS W. SINKLER, M.D.		
WILLIAM HEWSON, M.D.		Laryngologist
E. P. CORSON-WHITE, M.D.		Pathologist
WILFRED E. FRY, M.D.		Ophthalmologist
E. BERNARD WEAVER, D.D.S.		Dentist
MILDRED S. GEIGES		Registered Nurse
MATTIE BERRY		Assistant Nurse

Telephone Operators

- \*AGNES LOCUSON
- \*MAE DAVIDOW
- \*AUGUSTA HORNER
- \*JOHN FORBES

Salesroom and Exchange

1305 LOCUST STREET  
EDWARD H. BURRITT, B.S., Acting Field Officer

\* Visually handicapped









TOTALLY BLIND EXCEL AS HOMEMAKERS



**Annual Report of the Board of Managers**  
**to the**  
**Members of the Association and to the Legislature**

This, our one hundred seventh year, has been one of continued growth, and we wish to express our appreciation to the Principal and his colleagues for their good work. Besides fulfilling the actual duties arising from the school organization, the Principal and some of the members of his staff have spent considerable time in counseling our young people who have gone on to college and those who are now ready for employment. The field for the employment of the visually handicapped has grown. But considerable time must be spent in preliminary preparations and in convincing the sympathetic but disbelieving public that the person with a visual handicap can do efficient work in a sighted world.

The death of Dr. George de Schweinitz, on August 22nd, 1938, was a serious loss to us. Dr. de Schweinitz became a member of our Board in 1905 and has been a Vice-President since 1925. A man of national reputation in his chosen field of ophthalmology, he brought to the Institution not only his professional wisdom, but the indefinable qualities of a thoroughly fine person whose friendship it was a privilege and honor to share. His death is a distinct loss to the Institution and to his profession.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. HUTCHINSON,  
*President.*

# Annual Report of the Principal to the Board of Managers

GENTLEMEN :

On September 12th, 1938, our school family were all assembled here ready for the first day of the regular school session on September 13th. This marked the beginning of the one hundred and seventh year of the school's existence.

A meeting was held in the newly decorated Auditorium, for the purpose of welcoming back all the old members of our official family, greeting the new ones, going over a few regulations, and calling attention, with a great deal of pleasure, to the many improvements and repairs which had been made during the summer.

**Grounds and Gardens** Our grounds and gardens are in better condition than has been the case in a number of years. The gardens especially show the extra work spent on them for their special appearance for Overbrook Day last spring, the plants now being in full growth. A number of the staff have expressed their delight in the beauty of the gardens, on returning to school in September.

Mr. Conrad Albrecht of the Albrecht Nurseries, Narberth, presented to the school, and planted on the grounds, four large Japanese maples, and two eighteen-foot evergreens, besides a number of flowering plants for the gardens.

**Attendance at Convention of A. A. I. B.** The Principal attended the 34th Biennial Convention of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind, held at Lansing, Michigan, from June 27 to July 1, 1938. The membership of this Association is made up of executives, superintendents and instructors of the many schools in the United States and Canada. This convention was attended by more than three hundred delegates, the largest attendance in its history.

The program was well planned and executed by the chairman of the Program Committee, Superintendent Woolston of the Illinois School. The proceedings of this convention will be printed this fall, and will be the working basis for our teachers' conferences this year.

**Summer Scholarship** Three boys remained after Commencement for six weeks in order to look after the poultry plant and the chair caning; three other boys attended to the same duties for the remaining six weeks, thus gaining valuable experience and at the same time earning money.

**Home Teachers' Training Course** Since Overbrook is the only school for the blind in the United States giving a Home Teachers' Training Course, schools and organizations throughout the country are anxious that we continue this course. Two students are enrolled this year, one from Connecticut and one from Ohio, the Commission for the Blind in each state paying the tuition fee.



**Joseph Iannace, Deaf-Blind Lad**

Joseph Iannace, our deaf-blind lad, had a fine two months in camp, due to the generosity of the Board in appropriating the fifty dollars necessary, and the New York School whose Principal made it possible for Joseph to attend at a much lower rate. Joseph was very happy and gained greatly in strength and serenity, after a very strenuous year at the New York School. He has now returned to that school much better fitted to undertake further training, as provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction.

**Higher Education for Overbrook Graduates**

Seventeen of our former students have been attending institutions of higher learning during the past year.

HELEN LOUISE RIEDY has completed a year of graduate study at the Eastman School of Music. In May she made her debut as a concert singer when she was presented by her home town of Williamsport in an evening recital before a large audience.

HELEN KAPLONIAK received her diploma this June from the New Jersey College for Women where she has made an excellent record in the Social Science Course. She is preparing to enter the Pennsylvania School of Social Work.

In February GLADYS SHOCKLEY was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a high scholastic record and honors in French. She is now employed part-time as a secretary at the local office of the National Youth Administration, but is at the same time seeking full-time employment.

WILLARD WEATHERBY received his B.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, having transferred there at the end of his Junior year from Pennsylvania State College.

ROBERT ALLMAN's colorful career at the University of Pennsylvania was climaxed by his being selected as one of the four high honor men in the senior class. The Spoon, Spade, Bowl and Cane are the four designated honors; Robert, in winning the Spade, had the honor of planting the class ivy. On these occasions the whole University turns out with appropriate ceremonies. We doubt if such an honor has ever been given to any graduate without sight in this country! The future looks bright for Robert, who will enter law school next year.

A newcomer to the University of Pennsylvania has been WILLIAM SCANLON, an honor graduate of Northeast Catholic High School, and of Overbrook. William is enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts.

The end of MARGARET DEAVER's junior year at Drexel Institute finds her a member of the Key and Triangle, women's honor society, and with a record of fine achievement.

ELIZABETH SULLIVAN has completed her third year at Elmira College for Women.

BERTINE MEADE is a sophomore at Lafayette College.

Overbrook is well represented at Temple University. THERESA GORMAN will graduate next February from the Department of Early

Childhood Education. P. FRANKLIN MILLER has completed his first year in the College of Osteopathy. LIBRANDE CALTAGIRONE will enter his junior year in the School of Business Administration. DAVID BROWN, ALBERT WINDLE and EARL TRIMMER have completed their freshman years. David is enrolled in the School of Commerce. Albert is taking the Pre-Theological Course. Earl is preparing for work in physiotherapy and took the first year of the pre-medical course.

LOUISE ROMANICK, upon our recommendation, transferred last September from the Sargent School of Physical Education at Boston University to the School of Physical Education at Temple University. Because of the transfer she will be rated as a junior instead of a senior next year.

ISAAC DORNBLUM is continuing his graduate work in history at the University of Pennsylvania, preparatory to obtaining his doctor's degree.

ANNETTE DINSMORE, who completed the Home **Success of Former Pupils** Teachers' Training Course in 1938, was employed by the Department of Public Assistance in May, 1939, as a visitor. Miss Dinsmore travels about the city with the aid of a Seeing Eye dog, and is proving herself an able and intelligent worker.

RAYMOND SMYTH, one of our outstanding boys, graduated from Overbrook in June, 1929, at the age of fifteen. He had been awarded a scholarship for the four-year course in Commerce and Finance in the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, but took a year at the Overbrook High School first. Raymond had always been a good music student and during his college years he joined a dance band as pianist, sang in the University Glee Club, had a song published, and in addition made excellent marks in his scholastic work. After graduation Raymond spent the next two years playing with several local dance bands, and after his father's death he combined the selling of insurance with his musical work. From June, 1937 to September, 1938 he worked as a visitor and investigator with the Department of Public Assistance, attending the Pennsylvania School of Social Work during this period. He resigned from this position to become staff musical arranger for a large dance band, feeling that his talents lay more in music than in any other field. After nine months, the orchestra disbanded, and Raymond resumed his work as a pianist with various local bands. During 1939 Raymond has played for different orchestras and done sporadic arranging for various bands.

However, he has at last decided to give up the field of music, to seek affiliation with some organization or group offering a permanent position and an opportunity to prove himself worthy of pursuing the advantages of such a position.

We at Overbrook have every reason to believe that Raymond will be as successful in the future as he has been in the past. He has shown himself possessed of ability and energy, and the faculty of turning his talents to varied fields. He is the type of young man who will go far.



**Christmas Play Given at Harrisburg**

On December 3rd, our pupils presented the "Christmas Carol" at Harrisburg, in the Forum, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the Dauphin County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. Although it meant a tremendous amount of work for the coach, the office and all concerned, the result proved to be extremely worthwhile.

The Forum, in the Education Building, was filled to capacity, and three or four hundred people were turned away. It was estimated that about twenty-six hundred persons witnessed the performance, with enthusiasm and appreciation.

Our pupils, in this case a cast of forty, adapted themselves amazingly to their new surroundings. The change from the school stage to the Forum stage (measuring thirty by seventy-five feet) was accomplished with only one rehearsal, and there wasn't a slip during the entire performance.

**Commemoration of Friedlander Anniversary**

On March 16th we observed the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Julius Reinhold Friedlander, founder of our school, with a program which included a condensed version of Friedlander's speech on the occasion of his first exhibit, read by a pupil of the present school; the reading of a poem, "To a Favorite Rose Tree of Friedlander's," written by a pupil in April, 1839, and read by a pupil of the present school; and the life of Friedlander, given by Dr. Edward E. Allen.

**Overbrook Day**

Since the revival of "Overbrook Day" last May proved to be so successful, we held "open house" again this year, and made it a point particularly to invite all the social science classes, social service clubs, teachers and patrons of the school who had applied for permission to visit on separate days, so that they could be shown over the building and grounds with a guide who could cover every phase of the activities presented.

The visitors were intensely interested in the program of work and play we had to offer and, we feel sure, took away with them a more complete and accurate picture of Overbrook than we could have given them at any other time.

**Our New Organ**

Official dedication of our new organ took place on Tuesday evening, April 18th, by Dr. Ralph P. Lewars. All those who have played upon and listened to the new Mohler organ are most enthusiastic in their praise of its mechanical perfection and fine tone, and we have expressed to the Board of Managers our appreciation for their authorization of the purchase of such a fine instrument.

**Attendance at the Circus**

When the Barnum and Bailey Circus came to Philadelphia in May, our pupils attended an afternoon performance, as guests of Mr. Ellis A. Gimbel; we've been going to the circus for fifteen years almost without a break.

What does a blind boy or girl get out of a circus? Many of our children with a small percentage of vision can see the elephants, horses, clowns, the size of the tent, etc.; for those who are entirely without sight there are numerous teachers and housemothers who explain so well that these youngsters get almost as much enjoyment out of it as children who see.

The psychological reaction is particularly beneficial; the fact that they are included in such a large group of children with sight—ten thousand youngsters are guests of Mr. Gimbel—does much to improve their morale. The excitement all around the big tent, the many bands, the racing of horses around the ring, the odors peculiar to a circus, all these and many other impressions make us feel that this yearly excursion of 175 pupils and their teachers pays dividends in many ways.

#### **Closing of the Salesroom and Exchange**

At the December meeting of the City Office Committee, it was deemed advisable to dispense with the Salesroom and Exchange, in its present form. The Committee recommended the following proposed change in the management of the building, to which the Board gave favorable consideration:

That the third floor of the premises which was occupied by Miss Sargent, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, be closed off. If the third floor had to be kept open to accommodate the Philadelphia Branch then certain renovations would have to be made to the heating system in that that portion of the building could be adequately taken care of.

With the removal of Miss Sargent's office to the first floor, the chair caning and all the other functions of the City Office, except that of piano tuning, can be handled by the Association, and the City Office can dispense with the services of Mr. Edward Burritt who, since the death of Mr. Delfino, has acted as head of the City Office.

In addition to the salary saving effected, there was the saving on the cost of a telephone, bookkeeper's part-time salary, automobile hire (collecting chairs to be caned and returning them) and a number of miscellaneous items which vary each month.

The orders for piano tuning have been turned over to the head of our piano tuning department at the school.

A new janitor was appointed, whose title is more properly custodian of the building. His duties are to take care of the building, answer the telephone, take caning orders, and help out generally in the various activities of the reorganized building.

#### **Week for the Blind**

The Twelfth Educational Week for the Blind was held from March 13th to 17th, 1939, in the auditorium of the Gimbel Brothers Store, through the interest and kindness of Mr. Ellis A. Gimbel who, each year, extends to the organizations participating in the "Week," the use of this large auditorium.



Our contribution to this splendid "Week" included special programs for four of the five days, in addition to daily demonstrations of the diversified subjects included in the curriculum; some of the extra-curricular activities also were shown.

#### Changes in the Staff

From June 1, 1938 to May 31, 1939, the following resignations have been noted:

MRS. MARY D. SUMMERS, Ardmore, Pa., employed in 1908 as teacher of girls' physical education. From 1917 to 1923 Mrs. Summers was employed in Ohio, but returned in 1923 for one year as a social worker. Again in 1927 she entered our employ as teacher of a group of children whose mentalities made it necessary to employ a special teacher of unusual talents.

ISAAC DORNBLUM, Philadelphia, was contributing teaching hours in history to the school as a debt of gratitude, but wants to earn his M.A. and be free to devote his time to that goal.

RUBY GRASS HAUPT, Mars Hill, Maine, teacher of dramatics and expression since 1932, left in December, 1938; she had been married in August and wished to join her husband.

MARIE A. BRODBECK, Philadelphia, teacher of the kindergarten group for two years, tendered her resignation in order to marry.

MILDRED WASHBURN, Newfield, N. J., resigned after acting as nurse for two years.

The following new appointments were made:

RUTH MASLOW, New York, was appointed to succeed Mrs. Summers as teacher of our special group.

LEON PICON, New York, entered our employ partly to replace Mr. Dornblum and partly to relieve some of the other teachers.

MRS. AIMEE CHARLTON, Leonia, N. J., came to us to teach dramatics and expression, the position left vacant by Mrs. Haupt.

MRS. CHARLOTTE KIPPAX DUDDY, Philadelphia, a former teacher who left us in order to marry, returned to take over a group of boys at the Primary Building who were too advanced for the second grade but not yet prepared to do third grade work. Her work is part-time.

ANNE WHITTELSEY, Radnor, took Miss Brodbeck's place at the Primary Building as teacher of the kindergarten group.

MRS. MARY H. O'BRIEN, Waterloo, N. Y., was employed as housemother of Cottage "F".

MRS. MILDRED SPROWLES GEIGES, Philadelphia, came to us as nurse to replace Miss Washburn.

#### In Appreciation

At this time I want to thank the teachers, housemothers, pupils, and all those connected with the school for their helpfulness and co-operation—the goal: the making of our pupils into self-respecting, self-supporting citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. COWGILL,  
*Principal.*







FOURTH GRADE UNIT ON ANIMAL LIFE



# STATISTICS

For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 1939

## Movement of Population

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Resident at last report -----	133	105	238
Admitted -----	25	18	43
Population -----	158	123	281*
Discharged -----	20	24	44
Resident at close of year -----	138	99	237

\*One boy and one girl were discharged and readmitted during this period so actual number of individuals is 279, 157 boys and 122 girls.

## Birthplaces of Pupils

Number of children foreign born -----			2
China -----	1	Italy -----	1
Number of children native born of foreign born parents -----			69
Italy -----	28	Denmark -----	1
Poland -----	9	Germany -----	1
Austria -----	7	France -----	1
Hungary -----	4	Ukrania -----	1
Russia -----	3	Wales -----	1
England -----	2	Lithuania -----	1
Ireland -----	2	Poland-Russia -----	1
Scotland -----	2	Ecuador-Spain -----	1
Austria-Hungary -----	1	Ireland-Scotland -----	1
Belgium -----	1		
Number of children native born of native born parents -----			193
White -----	171	Colored -----	22
Records incomplete -----			15
Number of children enrolled, June 1, 1938 to May 31, 1939 -----			279

(Research Department, June 26, 1939.)

## Age at admission of the 43 students received during the year:

<i>Age</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>No.</i>
6 -----	6	13 -----	2	22 -----	2
7 -----	2	14 -----	1	24 -----	2
8 -----	4	15 -----	7	25 -----	1
9 -----	3	17 -----	2	30 -----	1
11 -----	4	18 -----	2	31 -----	1*
12 -----	1	20 -----	1	36 -----	1*



The youngest child admitted was five years and eight months old. The two marked thus \* are enrolled in the Home Teachers' Training Course which is specifically for adults.

Of the students admitted, five were from New Jersey, one from Connecticut, one from Ohio and thirty-six from Pennsylvania. Of those in attendance during the year, 255 were from Pennsylvania, 1 each from Connecticut and Ohio, 17 from New Jersey and seven from Delaware.

Time in School of 44 Discharged Pupils  
June 1, 1938 to May 31, 1939 inclusive

<i>Time here</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Time here</i>	<i>No.</i>
Less than 1 year -----	11	7 years -----	3
1 year -----	3	8 '' -----	2
2 years -----	4	9 '' -----	1
3 '' -----	3	10 '' -----	4
4 '' -----	4	11 '' -----	2
5 '' -----	3	13 '' -----	2
6 '' -----	2		

**Ophthalmologist's Report:** The following grouping of the 43 new admissions during the year indicates the causes of blindness; the etiology grouping will also be of interest in this comparison:

Causes of Blindness		Etiology
Optic Atrophy -----	9	Congenital 3; undetermined 2; brain tumor 1; lues 1; scarlet fever 1; Von Recklinghausen disease 1.
Uveitis -----	6	Infection undetermined 5; scarlet fever 1.
Congenital Cataracts -----	4	Congenital 4.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum -----	3	Gonorrhea 2; unknown 1.
Aniridia -----	2	Congenital.
Buphthalmos -----	2	Congenital.
Dislocation of Lens -----	2	Congenital.
Retinal Choroiditis -----	2	Infection undetermined.
Retinitis Pigmentosa -----	2	Congenital.
Sympathetic Ophthalmia -----	2	Traumatic.
Adherent Leukoma -----	1	Infection undetermined.
Central Macular Choroiditis -----	1	Congenital.
Detached Retina -----	1	Myopia.
Endophthalmitis -----	1	Cerebro-spinal meningitis.
Glioma of Retina -----	1	Unknown.
Interstitial Keratitis -----	1	Lues.
Juvenile Macular Degeneration --	1	Unknown.
Staphyloma of Cornea -----	1	Ophthalmia Neonatorum.
Not examined -----	1	

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**Relatives Blind:** Thirty of the forty-three students admitted during the year are listed as having no relatives blind. Of those remaining two are children of former pupils of the school. One of these has a sister in Overbrook, and his mother, aunt, great-uncle and great-aunt were former pupils. His grandmother and other maternal relatives were known to have poor vision—all of them having congenital cataracts. The other of the two, with a diagnosis of buphthalmos, has a mother and an aunt who were former pupils, with diagnoses of congenital cataracts. The grandmother and another aunt are also known to have defective vision. Another boy with dislocated lens has a brother in school with the same diagnosis, and his father and paternal grandmother are known to have the same diagnosis. Another child who has a diagnosis of buphthalmos had a mother who had poor vision from birth and was totally blind three years before her death at thirty-six years of age. A boy with juvenile macular degeneration has a brother in school with the same defect, and a sister who wears glasses. A child with central retino choroiditis has a brother who has defective vision and wears glasses.

**Health:** The winter epidemic of colds and grippe came in two sieges, one in December and one in February. Classes were carried on as usual, but the swimming pool was closed for a time. Four different quarantines necessitated isolation of different groups of children. One for chicken pox and one for scarlet fever were confined to one case each, the latter being cared for at the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases. Several children in the Primary Department were ill with whooping cough and a few of the older girls were out of school for a time with German measles.

### Summary of the Work Done By the Salesroom and Exchange

Following is a statement of the nature and amount of work done during the six months the Exchange has been open this year, June 1, 1938 to February 1, 1939.

Pianos Tuned -----	444	Baskets -----	8
CANING:		Baskets (Reed Collection) ---	166
Chairs -----	796	Brushes -----	26
Rush -----	109	Brooms sold -----	497
Pith -----	36	Hammocks -----	10
Benches -----	15	Hampers, Willow -----	1
Settees -----	7	Handles wrapped -----	57
Binding Cane -----	6	Leather Belt -----	1
Radiator Covers -----	4	Stools, rush -----	1
Wheel Chair -----	1	Rag Rugs -----	14
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		974	

During the six months which the Exchange has been open \$2,969.17 has been paid to twenty-six individuals, all but three of whom were former pupils.



# REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

June 1, 1937 to May 31, 1939

JOHN D. FORBES, Librarian

*Braille Library*

During the two years covered by this report, progress has been made in two important fields that will add greatly to the pleasure of the pupils here who find the library one of the important focal points of life in school.

The first concerns the Talking Book. Formerly our collection consisted of a very few records which were issued by the American Foundation for the Blind a number of years ago. But now the American Printing House for the Blind has begun to produce the Talking Book records. Twenty-nine completely recorded books comprise our collection at the end of the period covered by this report, with promise of a very much larger number in the future, as the Printing House expands this new feature of its work. The records are being used in our classrooms, as well as for voluntary reading by the pupils, and are being received with enthusiasm. They may be purchased on our quota account.

Second, thanks to an increased appropriation of Federal funds, we shall have not only the opportunity to increase the quantity and variety of books for voluntary reading, but also the agreeable privilege of purchasing new and modern text-books with reasonable frequency.

Thirty-three Braille periodicals continue to come to us regularly and to arouse considerable interest and discussion among the pupils. We are fortunate in receiving magazines of varied subject matter, so that the needs of all pupils are met, from the youngest children to the adults. We continue to benefit substantially from the gift books which come to us as a result of the generous and constructive interest of our many friends, including the American Red Cross, the Junior League, and many private individuals who transcribe for us. To our many benefactors, we are indeed deeply grateful.

# REPORT OF THE PRINTING OFFICE

JOSEPHINE LEE CHRYSLER, A. B., Manager

SAMUEL NORMAN, Stereotyper

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## Printing Office record for the twelve months ending May 31, 1938

Number of brass plates embossed -----	770
Number of pages hand-written -----	1,741
Number of pages printed -----	10,513

## Titles Transcribed into Braille

Astor, John Jacob -----	Article
Aesop -----	The Lost Ax
Andrews, M. R. S. -----	His Soul Goes Marching On
Beamish, Richard J. -----	Caeser Rodney's Ride
Bloom, Lillian S. -----	Animal Crackers
Boyd, Nancy -----	I Like Americans
Brown, Albert M. -----	The Boy Who Came Back How'd You Guess It? The Mohawk Trail The Pirate King
Browning, Robert -----	Hervé Riel. An Incident of the French Camp
Bunner, H. C. -----	One, Two, Three
Byrne, F. J. -----	The Lucky Old Club
Calhoun, F. B. -----	The Human Petition
Carmen, Bliss -----	A Vagabond Song
Carryl, C. E. -----	Robinson Crusoe's Story A Poem to be Read and Enjoyed
Connors, Barry -----	The Patsy
Cornell, C. G. -----	Gratitude
Crane, C. P. -----	The Test of Sight
Cummings, Francis -----	English in Junior High Schools
Daly, T. A. -----	The Street Musician
Day, Frances Stevens -----	The Dollar and the Cent
Deen Loom Company -----	Instructions for the Deen Loom
Delano, Edith B. -----	Is There a Manager Here?
Dickens, Charles -----	Christmas Carol
Dunn, Huebner, Etc. -----	Useful Mathematics
Emmons, Nell June -----	Tom Boy's Escape Dad and I Keep House
Field, Marshall -----	Article
Field, Rachel -----	The Animal Store Gypsies



Franklin, Clay	French Farce
Fish and Snow	French Commercial Correspondence and Reading
Friedlander, J. R.	To the Public
Frost, Robert	Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
Going, Charles Buxton	The Armistice
Gjelde	Silent Reading Work Book
Garrison, Theodosia	Saint Jeanne
Graham, E. J.	A Friendly Robin The Garden
Grimm, J. and W.	The Fox and the Cat
Guest, Edgar	At Breakfast Time Can't Life Ma and the Checkbook Memorial Day Mother's Reading Glasses Practicing Time Success The World is Against Me
Hamilton, Harry L.	Finger Bowls and Araminta
Harmon, E.	Article
Harte, Bret	John Brown of Gettysburg Miss Edith Helps Things Along
Holcomb, Henry	The Flag Goes By
Horton, Eliza	The Reign of Peace
Irish, Marie	The Value of Team Work
Irving, Minna	Betsy's Battle Flag
Jones, Eugene	Courage
Keller, H. S.	Brickie
Kerr, Hazel M.	The Humming Bird
Lane, F. J.	Makers of the Flag
Leamy, Edward	The Ticket Agent
LeGallienne, Richard	The Illusions of War
Lente, Emma A.	Martyrs of War
Long, William J.	How'd the Woodpecker Know
Longfellow, H. W.	Selections Travels by the Fireside
McCarthy, Dennis	A Song of the Flag
Masefield, John	Roadway
Millay, Edna St. Vincent	Travels
Miller, F. F.	An Old Face
Milne, A. A.	The Island
Moffet, Paul	Dad
Mooney, Bernard F.	Wrestling for Beginners
Montague, J. J.	Thanksgiving Day
Mulock, Dinah	New Year

Nature in Verse	The Bird with Bosom Red Come Here, Little Robin The Disappointed Snowflakes Jack Frost The Little Artist Little Snowflakes The Snow Storm
Parker, M. M.	Mammy Liza Tells About Hebben
Patterson, Ada	Article
Powers, Mabel	How Mice Overcame the Warriors How the Dancing Stars Got Into the Sky How a Boy was Cured of Boasting Why One Woodpecker Had a Red Head
Preston, Effie E.	Madam Turnabout One Night Troubles of a Pumpkin
Quinlan, N. Eva	I'm an American Boy The Tell-Tale Sparrow
Roberts, Dorothy	Mr. Pronoun Saves the Day
Rosser, Flavia	Ghost Stories
Sandburg, Carl	Chicago
Sanford, A. P.	Brandywine
Sangster, Margaret	The Armistice Thanksgiving
Schoof, Mary Corona	Kept In
Seollard, Clinton	Fraidie Cat The Pop Corn Man
Seeger, Alan	I Have a Rendezvous with Death
Seeley, Etta S.	The Grasshopper and the Kangaroo
Service, Robert W.	The Quitter Quarantined
Shakespeare, William	As You Like It (Selection) Hamlet (Selection) Julius Caesar (Selection) Sonnet XXIX
Shephard, Odell	Thanksgiving
Smith, F. E.	How to Play Pinochle
Sherman, Frank Dempster	The Four Winds
Stanistreet, Grace	Ma's Physical Culture Parents
Steadman, Edmund C.	The Hand of Lincoln
Stevens, Elizabeth	The Rocking Chair Row
Stratche, Edna H.	Wienies for Wednesday
Sweeny, Nelson D.	Hammer or Horn
Totherol, Dan	Moor Born
Trowbridge, J. T.	The Vagabonds
Twain, Mark	A Critical Situation
Thomson, James	In the Train



Van Dever, Lettie C. -----	The Fire Alarm
Warner Bros. -----	J'Accuse
Warren, G. O. -----	Peace
Werner's Readings -----	Goblins
Wells, Carolyn -----	A Thanksgiving
Wexley, John -----	They Shall Not Die
Wiggin, Kate Douglas -----	Mother Carey's Chickens
Wilson, Dixie -----	The Next Door Dog
Wilson, Evelyn -----	As It Looked to Tommy
	The Perfect Percy
Wood, Henry F. -----	The Puppy
Wordsworth, William -----	Upon Westminster Bridge

### Miscellaneous

Accounts	Letter
Alumnae Letter	Magazine Price List
Armistice Day, Quotations for	Maps
Arrangement of Letters	The Night after Christmas
Bruin's Inn	The Old Woman and the Cat
Chairmen's Introductory Talks	Outline Note Book for General Science
Clock Face	Patterns
Collateral Reading	The Pert Chicken
Corrective Drills	Peter's Ride to the Wedding
The Dog and his Shadow	Pirates' Song
Examinations	Proposed Changes in the Social Security Act
The Field Mouse and the Town Mouse	Sentence Drill
The First Show	Snow
Geography	Social Studies
Geography Games	Special Material
George Washington	Special Material for the W. P. A.
Golden Keys from Memory Gems	Town and Country
I Know Something about You	The Two Ploughs
The Kid and the Wolf	

# LIST OF PUPILS

Enrolled During the Fiscal Year Ending May 31st, 1939

## GIRLS

Armstrong, June	Genthner, Esther E.	Palmer, Doris
Bailey, June	Genthner, Marian I.	Phillips, Mary D.
Bamber, Mary	Glick, Margaret	Polacek, Dorothy
Barnard, Dorothy J.	Glien, Evelyn E.	Presz, Catherine
Bentz, Virginia	Graver, Alta M.	Prosser, Alma
Berger, Virginia	Guida, Linda	Pugliese, Kathryn
Beroud, Odette	Hackett, Marjorie H.	Reale, Elvira
Blaschack, Olga	Harmon, Retta	Reilly, Mary L.
Bogner, Lorraine	Hons, Mildred V.	Rist, Charlotte
Bossert, Janice	Hudson, Fredonia	Ritchey, Doris
Boyer, Anna C.	Hughes, Joan	Rose, Arline
Brandt, Joyce A.	Humm, Bernice	Rutherford, Irma
Brandt, Sarah J.	Italiano, Asunta	Saile, Nancy N.
Brennan, Martha (H.T.)	Kapelus, Mary	Salvin, Anna
Brown, Carrie L.	Kieffer, Joyce	Satte Zahn, Helen L.
Bunt, Marian	Kimbrough, Jeanette	Seville, Vada
Calapa, Grace	Kirk, Evelyn	Sharp, Thelma
Campbell, Mary	Kirkley, Maud	Sine, Marian E.
Capparell, Florence	Klos, Mary	Sine, Myrtle
Carichner, Nadine	Knorr, Marjorie	Sirianni, Raffelina L.
Chrin, Mary	Kocher, Rachael	Smith, Marjorie
Coleman, Mary	Lawler, Marie C.	Snipe, Janie L.
Collins, Jeannette	Lennon, Claire	Snyder, Ann T.
Cooper, Angeline	Luchsinger, Beverly	Sorber, Margaret
Cordaro, Josephine	MacLeod, Elizabeth (H.T.)	Spitale, Josephine
Crosby, Sarah	McClellan, Edith	Stevens, Gwendolyn
Davis, Marion	McCullough, Helen	Stevens, Mary
Deraco, Catherine	McCullough, Elizabeth	Suracci, Antonia
DiMasci, Mary	McKenna, Margaret	Suracci, Mary
Donahue, Grace M.	Malatesta, Joan	Thursby, Edith
Dreisigmeyer, Anna	Manley, Alice	Titko, Elizabeth
Eberly, Raye	Marconi, Frances	Toboleski, Josephine F.
Engle, Fay	Mays, Ruth	Torcivia, Theresa
Esher, Elsie	Miller, Elizabeth	Totino, Doris
Eshleman, Grace	Moyer, Doris L.	Trexler, Shirley A.
Favinger, Marjorie	Muff, Mary	Van Doren, Mildred L.
Felicetti, Lillian	Nathaniel, Carrie	Waters, Mary J.
Fern, Mary	Obest, Lillian M.	Weisenborn, Gladys
Fill, Stella	Omlor, Marian E.	White, Catherine
Frey, Florence	Oxenford, Helen V.	White, Martha
Gariffo, Josephine	Palmer, B. Jane	

## BOYS

Alexander, William E.	Anderson, Herbert L.	Bailey, Richard
Alksmant, Leonard	Argo, James	Bailor, Maurice
Allen, James F.	Atkins, Lynn	Banks, Floyd
Allwein, Herman	Bailey, Dallas J.	Barkovich, Ferdinand



Barrall, James E.  
 Barroll, Robert D.  
 Baum, James  
 Bayliss, Harold H.  
 Berger, Willard  
 Bigger, Earl L., Jr.  
 Boccelli, Patsy  
 Breidenstine, Allen M.  
 Brobst, Paul H.  
 Brosz, Henry  
 Brown, David C.  
 Brown, Donald G.  
 Brown, Glenn  
 Brownstein, Robert  
 Cameron, Joseph  
 Cantalmi, Ralph  
 Cevet, Dominick  
 Coleman, Robert  
 Cooper, Chester  
 Coursault, Thomas  
 Crea, Carmen  
 Davison, John S. J.  
 De Cicco, Harold  
 De Long, Theodore  
 Dickson, John  
 DiGirolamo, Nello  
 Dilbeck, Buford F., Jr.  
 Dougherty, Robert  
 Dowd, John Jr.  
 Dutko, Joseph  
 Eberwein, George T.  
 Edgerton, Arthur  
 Edson, Thomas  
 Floray, Albert F.  
 Flowers, Alfred  
 Force, Russell A.  
 Foster, Herman  
 Frederickson, Edward  
 Fritz, Marvin  
 Gardner, William  
 Garnett, David F.  
 Garrett, Robert B.  
 Gaskill, Edward  
 Gillen, John  
 Glenn, Robert H.  
 Gohl, Robert  
 Good, Thomas  
 Groff, Lester A.

Groller, Edward  
 Hall, Charles F.  
 Hall, Robert C.  
 Hawrylko, Michael  
 Hayden, Donald  
 Heineman, Robert  
 Henry, Reginald  
 Hoffman, Willard A.  
 Hoke, George R.  
 Holloway, Clarence  
 Huyett, Luke  
 Iannace, Joseph  
 Johnson, William  
 Jones, Theodore  
 Jones, William J.  
 Jopling, Ralph N.  
 Kapuchinski, John  
 Kerr, Jephtha H.  
 Kettell, George H.  
 Key, William  
 Kipp, Marvin  
 Kirklo, Edward  
 Kleposki, Raymond  
 Klopp, Clyde  
 Klose, Billy  
 Kormanski, Henry  
 Kozinski, Enoch  
 Kryn timer, Edward  
 Kulikauskas, Joseph  
 Laager, Edward J.  
 Lattiere, Frank  
 Link, Charles  
 Linsinbigler, Arthur  
 Long, John  
 Lumley, Harry  
 McDonald, Frederick  
 McDonald, William  
 McDowell, Michael  
 Marcucci, George  
 Marcucci, Raymond  
 Meecham, William  
 Meixsell, Phillip  
 Michael, Richard  
 Miller, H. Taylor, Jr.  
 Miller, James I.  
 Mollica, Samuel  
 Morris, Neil Jr.  
 Morris, Thomas  
 Ness, Myron

Nowaczyk, Norman  
 Nowaczyk, Stanley  
 Ober, Wayne  
 O'Neill, Edward  
 Parker, John  
 Parry, Austin  
 Perese, Anthony  
 Perry, Joseph  
 Plawa, Stanley P.  
 Prettyman, James  
 Quill, Edward  
 Quin, William  
 Ramble, Clifford W.  
 Reed, Vincent  
 Reigh, Eugene  
 Russek, Frank  
 Samworth, Charles  
 Schuckert, Carl  
 Segal, Arthur  
 Serafin, George  
 Sharff, Leon  
 Sharpe, William  
 Shaw, William  
 Shott, Theodore  
 Sine, Raymond  
 Small, Richard  
 Smith, Benjamin F.  
 Smith, George  
 Smith, Roy K. Jr.  
 Sopke, Joseph  
 Stocker, Clifford  
 Stokes, Edward  
 Strang, William  
 Sullivan, Joseph  
 Swoyer, Hugh  
 Testa, Michael  
 Thompson, Rudolph  
 Turioscy, John  
 Tusso, Philip  
 Ventresca, Arthur  
 Walsh, Francis X.  
 Whitby, Thomas S.  
 Wild, Roscoe  
 Windle, Albert  
 Winters, James J.  
 Wolfgang, James  
 Worthington, Joseph  
 Zazow, Alex

**Distribution of Pupils According to  
INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENTS  
Total Enrollment, 1938-39**

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
SUPERIOR					
Above 130 -----	1	4	5	1.8	
120 - 129 -----	5	3	8	2.9	
110 - 119 -----	15	11	26	9.3	14.0
AVERAGE					
100 - 109 -----	27	23	50	17.9	
90 - 99 -----	29 (1)	22	51	18.3	36.2
DULL					
80 - 89 --- -----	43 (6)	29	72	25.8	25.8
BACKWARD					
70 - 79 ---- -----	21 (5)	17	38	13.6	13.6
PROBABLY F. M.					
Below 70 -----	15 (9)	12	27	9.7	9.7
NOT TESTED -----	1	1	2	.7	.7
	<u>157 (21)*</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>100.</u>	<u>100.0</u>

\* Number of students in ungraded class.

**Regular School, Opportunity Class Omitted**

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
SUPERIOR -----	21	18	39	15.1
AVERAGE -----	55	45	100	38.7
DULL -----	37	29	66	25.6
BACKWARD -----	16	17	33	12.8
PROBABLY F.M. -----	6	12	18	7.0
NOT TESTED -----	1	1	2	.8
	<u>136</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Research Department, June 19, 1939.



# FORMER PUPILS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOLS, PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

September 1938 — June 1939

## GIRLS

Name	Residence	Special Form of Education	Year
Deaver, Margaret K.	-----Peach Bottom, Pa.	-----Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia—Home Economics	-----Second
Fill, Stella	-----Philadelphia	-----Kensington High School for Girls, Philadelphia	-----Fourth
Gorman, Theresa	-----Philadelphia	-----Temple University—Early Childhood Education	-----Fourth
Kaploniak, Helen	-----Camden, N. J.	-----New Jersey College for Women—Social Sciences	-----Fourth
Riedy, Helen Louise	-----Williamsport, Pa.	-----Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y.	-----Post Grad.
Romanick, Louise	-----Philadelphia	-----Temple University—School of Physical Education	-----Second
Shockley, Gladys	-----Philadelphia	-----University of Pennsylvania—The College	-----Fourth*
Sullivan, Elizabeth	-----Sayre, Pa.	-----Elmira College for Women, Elmira, N. Y.—Social Sciences	-----Third

## BOYS

Allman, Robert	-----Philadelphia	-----University of Pennsylvania—The College	-----Fourth
Brown, David	-----Upper Darby, Pa.	-----Temple University—School of Commerce	-----First
Caltagirone, Librande	-----Philadelphia	-----Temple University—School of Business Administration	-----Second
Dornblum, Isaac	-----Philadelphia	-----University of Pennsylvania—The College	-----Post Grad.
Meade, Bertine	-----Phillipsburg, N. J.	-----Lafayette University, Easton, Pa.	-----Second
Miller, P. Franklin	-----Philadelphia	-----Temple University—Osteopathic	-----Third
Reed, George Louis	-----Harrisburg	-----William Penn High School, Harrisburg, Pa.	-----Fourth
Seanlon, William	-----Philadelphia	-----University of Pennsylvania—The College	-----First
Trimmer, Earl	-----York, Pa.	-----Temple University—Pre-Medical	-----First
Weatherby, Willard	-----Russell, Pa.	-----University of Pennsylvania—Wharton School of Business	-----Fourth
Windle, Albert	-----Coatesville, Pa.	-----Temple University—Pre-Theological	-----First

\* Graduated in February, 1939.

# THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	For the fiscal year ended May 31, 1938	For the fiscal year ended May 31, 1939
OPERATING INCOME:--		
Tuition:		
Pennsylvania -----	\$131,860.02	\$130,041.37
New Jersey -----	8,005.21	10,155.00
Delaware -----	4,413.50	3,873.50
Pay pupils -----	1,617.90	3,033.65
Discount earned -----		\$147,103.52
Miscellaneous -----		396.07
		<u>1,760.06</u>
		\$149,259.65
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Salaries and wages -----	\$ 90,295.41	\$ 91,839.45
Food -----	30,550.97	31,068.61
Supplies -----	11,201.17	11,097.35
Repairs and maintenance -----	9,360.14	11,816.25
Heat, light, and power -----	10,136.95	10,816.25
Other expenses -----	7,813.40	9,106.98
	<u>159,358.04</u>	<u>165,744.89</u>
Net loss from operations before depreciation -----		
Depreciation on cost values of fixed assets -----	\$ 12,052.46	\$ 16,485.24
Net loss from operations after depreciation -----	<u>10,935.89</u>	<u>11,723.28</u>
NON-OPERATING INCOME:		
Income from investments -----	\$ 43,802.95	\$ 43,661.60
Contributions -----	5,562.50	607.25
	<u>\$ 26,377.10</u>	<u>\$ 16,060.33</u>
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Finance committee -----	\$ 4,273.39	\$ 4,251.31
Financial campaign -----	741.37	1,121.16
	<u>5,014.76</u>	<u>5,372.47</u>
Depreciation on excess of appraised values of fixed assets over cost values -----	\$ 21,362.34	\$ 10,687.86
	<u>18,527.06</u>	<u>17,864.08</u>
Net income or expense for the period -----	<u>\$ 2,835.28</u>	<u>\$ 7,176.22</u>



THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND

BALANCE SHEET — MAY 31, 1939

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Operating Fund		Operating Fund	
CURRENT ASSETS:		CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Cash -----	\$ 18,517.28	Accounts payable -----	\$ 16,335.83
Accounts receivable -----	93,550.46		
Inventories -----	3,736.23		
Prepayments -----	1,864.41		
	\$117,668.38		
INVESTMENTS—AT COST:			
Unrestricted funds -----	\$1,078,567.16		
Restricted funds -----	65,064.54		
	1,143,631.70		
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, ETC. -----			
Less: Reserve for depreciation ---	\$ 327,524.50	Unrestricted funds -----	\$1,437,592.87
	235,694.86	Restricted funds -----	75,486.99
			<u>\$1,513,079.86</u>
OTHER ASSETS:			
Deposits in closed banks -----	\$ 3,095.31	LESS DEFICIT -----	1,349,268.84
Perpetual insurance deposits -----	9,379.64		
	<u>12,474.95</u>		
	\$1,365,604.67		<u>\$1,365,604.67</u>
Plant Fund		Plant Fund	
Land -----		Principal -----	\$1,566,560.63
Land improvements -----	\$ 64,249.97		
Buildings -----	1,356,880.00		
		Less: Depreciation charged to plant fund	
		principal -----	844,421.03
			<u>\$ 722,139.60</u>
			<u>\$2,087,744.27</u>

## Financial Campaign

(See explanation in 1937-38 Report)

As a result of our appeal we have received \$3,773.00 since June 1, 1938.

The list of contributors for the year ended May 31, 1939, is as follows:

Abbott, Miss Gertrude -----	\$ 15.00	Ditter, G. Harry -----	5.00
Allen, Evelyn Wilford -----	20.00	Dolfinger, Henry -----	10.00
Anonymous -----	9.00	Dorney, Mrs. O. C. -----	5.00
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Berkelbach, Mrs. John S. ----	5.00	Franck, Charles F. -----	5.00
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Brinton, Clarence C. -----	5.00	Fry, Mrs. Wilfred W. -----	100.00
Barnes, Mrs. Laura L. -----	10.00	Fisher, Thomas -----	10.00
Bachofer, J. Louis -----	5.00	Farbstein, Joseph -----	2.00
Bullock, Mrs. Horace -----	25.00	Freeman, Leon -----	10.00
Beaus, Carrie B. -----	2.00	Flagg, Dorothy -----	10.00
Bippert, Mrs. John L. -----	1.00	Farnum, Mrs. Henry W. ----	25.00
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Beck, Charles L. -----	5.00	Geary, Mrs. Alfred H. -----	10.00
Biddle, Mrs. Robert -----	10.00	Geiger, Mrs. Fred J. -----	10.00
Butler, E. R. -----	5.00	Gest, William P. -----	50.00
Bremer, Carrie S. -----	10.00	Gillespie, Kate S. -----	20.00
Bond, St. George -----	1.00	Gimbel, Mrs. Ellis A. -----	10.00
Caldwell, Mrs. J. E. -----	10.00	Groome, Alexander C. -----	10.00
Castner, Philip A. -----	20.00	Griffith, Mrs. H. O. -----	5.00
Chew, Miss Elizabeth B. -----	35.00	Gimbel, Mrs. Charles -----	5.00
Clegg, John Wm. -----	10.00	Gay, Mrs. John H. -----	5.00
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Hafleigh, N. B. -----	5.00	Packard, Mrs. George R. -----	5.00
Hausser, C. A. -----	2.00	Page, Miss Jessie Allen -----	1.00
Hopkinson, Edward Jr. -----	25.00	Patterson, Mrs. Frank T. -----	10.00
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Irish, Mrs. W. M. -----	5.00	Perrin, Charles C. -----	10.00
Ideal Shoe Co. -----	2.00	Petruska, Louis M.D. -----	5.00
Jenkins, Theodore F. -----	25.00	Pilling, W. S. -----	5.00
Johnson, Mrs. W. H. -----	2.00	Potts, Mrs. T. C. -----	5.00
Keator, Mrs. John F. -----	5.00	Purves, Mrs. Betsy P. C. ----	100.00
Kind, Mrs. Ida -----	5.00	Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. --	10.00
King, Miss Lydia E. -----	10.00	Paul, A. J. Drexel -----	5.00
Kistler, Grant M., M.D. -----	10.00	Paley, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin --	10.00
Knipe, Walter E. -----	10.00	Pfaelzer, Mrs. Frank A. -----	10.00
Kohn, Mrs. Isidore -----	25.00	Pearl, F. H. -----	5.00
Kohn, Joseph -----	25.00	Pfahler, G. E., M.D. -----	10.00
Kolb, Miss Emma V. -----	175.00	Price, Eli Kirk III -----	50.00
Kolb, Miss Sarah E. -----	175.00	Perilstein, Harris -----	3.00
Kellett, R. G. -----	5.00	Reeder, Miss Josephine -----	1.00
Krumbaar, Anne -----	5.00	Reeves, Samuel J. -----	5.00
Kohn, Bernard -----	25.00	Robbins, Mr. & Mrs. George S. --	187.00
Knowles, Archibald C. -----	10.00	Robinson, Samuel -----	50.00
Kindig, Bertha -----	2.00	Rosengarten, Joseph G. Jr. --	100.00
Katzenberg, Lucien -----	5.00	Remmey, Richard C. Son Co. --	2.00
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Levy, Lionel F. -----	50.00	Reed's, Jacob, Sons -----	5.00
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Linton, M. A. -----	10.00	Scattergood, Margaret -----	20.00
Lovett, Miss L. D. -----	10.00	Scheffey, Dr. & Mrs. Lewis C. --	10.00
Lowenburg, Harry M.D. -----	3.00	Schmidt, Charles E. -----	10.00
Luden, William H. -----	25.00	Shearer, G. B. Jr. -----	5.00
Levering, Frank D. -----	10.00	Sheble, Mrs. F. J. -----	10.00
Levy, Howard S. -----	10.00	Simon, Fred M. -----	5.00
Logan, William H. -----	1.00	Sinkler, Miss Caroline S. -----	25.00
Love, Julius D. -----	3.00	Smith, H. Harrison -----	5.00
McCurdy, Mrs. F. Allen -----	20.00	Smith, Lawrence M. C. -----	5.00
McGill, Miss Mary E. -----	175.00	Snellenburg, Mrs. Harry -----	2.00
Manning, Mrs. Frank -----	5.00	Sutro, Paul E. -----	10.00
Mason, Miss Jane Graham -----	110.00	Strauss, Harry C. -----	10.00
Meigs, Edward B. -----	25.00	Smith, Mrs. J. Willison -----	10.00
Mercer, Mrs. Wm. R. -----	10.00	Stehle, Elizabeth -----	10.00
Mertz, Mrs. Oscar E. -----	3.00	Sharpless, Anna P. -----	5.00
Moore, Clarence E. -----	5.00	Sunstein, Mrs. Leon C. -----	10.00
Morton, Mrs. Arthur V. -----	10.00	Stewart, Frank H. -----	10.00
McCullough, Mrs. Edmund H. --	2.00	Sheaffer, C. M. -----	10.00
McIlhenny, Mrs. John D. -----	10.00	Sketchley, William E. -----	5.00
Newlin, Mrs. James C. -----	10.00	Szeitz, Mrs. Mary S. -----	1.00
Nourse, James F. -----	5.00	Sonneborn, John G. -----	5.00
Masland, F. E. -----	25.00	Sibley, Ida Rew -----	10.00
Mathewson, Mrs. Robert J. ----	10.00	Stachoicz, Rev. L. A. -----	1.00
Orlemaun, Henry P. -----	2.00	Stewart, Frank G. Co. -----	10.00
Overbrook Women's Club ----	175.00	Thomas, Mrs. George C. Jr. --	5.00
O'Connor, Murray C. -----	5.00	Thomas, Mabel L. H. -----	25.00

Tyson, Mrs. Carroll S. -----	25.00	Wirkman, E. W. -----	5.00
Thayer, Elsie E. -----	25.00	Wolf, Mrs. Benjamin -----	10.00
Tyler, Mrs. George F. -----	25.00	Wood, Mrs. Edward F. R. ----	50.00
Thomas, Margaret P. -----	10.00	Woodall, Mrs. John -----	5.00
Turner, Mrs. J. Archer -----	5.00	Woodhouse, Dr. S. N. Jr. -----	5.00
Tatem, Mrs. J. Fithian -----	5.00	Woolworth, F. W. Co. -----	5.00
Taylor, E. Winslow -----	1.00	Wurts, Mrs. C. S. -----	5.00
Talimer, Mrs. Bernard -----	2.50	Anonymous -----	25.00
Vaughan, Fannie W. -----	10.00	Webb, Mrs. Edward L. -----	5.00
Verner, Mrs. Wm. R. -----	10.00	Wolff, Ruth M. -----	100.00
Van Roden, Clarence C. -----	5.00	Webb, Miriam P. -----	10.00
Waller, Clara E. -----	2.50	Whitby, L. B. -----	10.00
Webb, Elisha Jr. -----	10.00	West, Isabelle H. -----	25.00
Weber, David -----	2.00	Williamson, Mrs. Alexander J.	2.00
Weber, F. Co. -----	5.00	Yeatman, Mrs. Pope -----	5.00
Weil, Dr. John H. -----	2.00	Yerkes, Mrs. Harman -----	10.00
Wertheimer, Joseph -----	10.00	Zentmayer, Dr. William -----	5.00
Whitten, Herbert J. -----	2.50	Zirnkilton, Caroline -----	2.00
Wilson, Mrs. Wylie T. -----	10.00		

The following contributions were made to the "Eleanor Maynard Fund" for the year 1938-39. Funds will be used to make urgently needed repairs and improvements at the Primary Building, where our Kindergarten, First and Second Grades make their home.

The contributors to this fund for the year 1938-39 are as follows:

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Mr. Walter Williams -----	5.00	Total -----	\$ 650.00

Through Mrs. Maynard, several boxes of candy were donated to the Campfire Girls for Overbrook Day by D. Goldenberg, Inc., Philadelphia, and a vase was donated by Wright, Tyndale & Van Roden, 1719 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

## Acknowledgments

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We desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to the many friends who have extended various courtesies to us during the year, as follows:

Robin Hood Dell Concerts, Inc., for tickets to the summer concerts.

Miss L. K. Simmes, Brooklyn, New York, for gift of one dollar to the clothing fund.

Mr. Frank Williams, for the gift of two watches with brailled dials. Mr. Williams represented the Chapin Home.

Mr. Conrad Albrecht, for a group of evergreen trees for the lawns.

Women's Club of Aronomink, a check for seventy dollars for clothing for the numerous children who need certain articles badly.

Mr. George S. Robbins, for the gift of five tickets to the concert given by the Sightless Recitalists.

Needlework Guild of America, Springfield, Pa., for clothing for small girls.

Anonymous gift of five dollars from Elizabeth, N. J., "to help someone who needs help."

Miss Elizabeth Gest, for tickets to the concert of the Sightless Recitalists.

Mrs. Coghlan, for the gift of aspidistra plants.

Mrs. Walter I. Cooper, for a ticket to the concert of the Sightless Recitalists.

Mrs. Benjamin Baseler, for tickets to the concert by the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Miss Emilie Krider Norris, for proceeds from a play given by her students, amounting to seventy-five dollars.

Mrs. Lydia Rodgers Barber, for the gift of a year's subscription to the braille edition of the Readers' Digest.

Byard Junior High School in Wilmington, for a gift of cloth animals and dolls to the Primary children. The Seeing Eye Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. White, for the gift of one year's subscription to the Readers' Digest in braille.

The Junior Red Cross of Millersburg, Pa., for the gift of one hundred Braille Christmas cards.

Mr. Louis S. Henderson, for the gift of a loom to the school, placed in the weaving room on the boys' side.

Mr. Nikita Losk, Reading, Pa., for the gift of fifteen dollars to the work of the school.

Miss Anna L. Scherer, for the gift of ten dollars to the work of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dorn, for their many kindnesses to our kindergarten children—taking them to Sunday School, etc.

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Braille Class, Newton Street School, Newark, N. J., for Christmas greetings.

Mr. Max Hubsher, for the gift of ties to our boys at Christmas time.

St. John's Lutheran Sunday School Association, for the gift of candy canes to all the pupils attending their Sunday School.

Chapter I, P. E. O. Sisterhood, for gifts of clothing and toys at Christmas time.

Mr. P. A. Castner, for the gift of candy at Christmas time.

Women's Auxiliary of the Penna. Inst. for the Instr. of the Blind, for the renovating and refurnishing of the living room for the older girls in Cottage D.

Radio Station KYW for entertaining four girls at a Zoo broadcast at the station.

Faculty of the Taylor School, for the gift of a year's subscription to the Braille edition of the Readers' Digest.

Jay Cooke Jr. High School students, for the transcription of a book into Braille for our Primary Department.

Mrs. William Jenks Wright, for the gift of a victrola to the school.

Mrs. Henry Justice, for the gift of a Talking Book machine to the school.

Mr. William F. Oberhuber, for the gift of ten tickets to the Orpheus Club concert.



Miss Edna Mock, for the gift of four tickets to a concert by the Choral Society of Philadelphia.

Miss Catherine King, Philadelphia Mouth Hygiene Association, for tickets to a recital by Frederick Schorr, at the Bellevue-Stratford.

Mr. Sherman Swisher, who loaned us palms to decorate our auditorium for an organ recital.

Beta Sigma Sorority, for the gift of ten dollars, part of the proceeds from a play given by their group.

Pennsylvania Industrial Home for Blind Women, for a book transcribed into braille for our school.

Mr. Harry Ditzler, for the gift of four tickets to the concert of the Choral Art Society.

Miss Emilie Krider Norris, for the gift of five dollars, the proceeds of an evening of plays given by her school.

Mrs. James H. Kurtz, for the ticket sent us for the concert by the Blind Artists at Glenside.

Philadelphia Branch, Secretaries Association, for the donation of five dollars to the work of the school.

Music Appreciation Department of the Philadelphia Record, for the gift of the record of the Cesar Franck "Symphony in D Minor."

Mr. John Williams, for the gift of fifteen dollars, in memory of Mrs. Williams.

Braille Committee, American Red Cross, for the gift of brailled playing cards.

Overbrook Lions Club, for a trip to Valley Forge for the small boys and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, for the gift of clothing for the boys and girls.

Miss Cornelia Greenough, for a trip to the Simfonietta for four of our pupils.

Needlework Guild, Olney Branch, for the gift of clothing for the pupils.

Needlework Guild, Fort Washington Branch, for the gift of clothing for the pupils.

Miss Hattie N. Hartley, for the gift of clothing for our girls.

We also desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to the many friends of the school who have extended courtesies to us during the year; to the many volunteer readers who gave unstintingly of their services; to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross in providing braille literature for our students attending schools and colleges for seeing pupils; to the Committee on the Blind of the National Council of Jewish Women; members of the Junior League of Philadelphia, and many other individuals and organizations who have contributed so much to this school.

COMMENCEMENT

One Hundred and Seventh Year

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1939 AT 10:30 A.M.

PROGRAM

Auditorium

INVOCATION

REV. GEORGE EMERSON BARNES, D.D.  
Pastor Overbrook Presbyterian Church

QUARTET . . . . . Overture to Fingal's Cave . . . . . Mendelssohn  
MILDRED HONS ESTHIER GENTHNER  
BETTY MILLER CATHERINE DERACO

SALUTATORY . . . . . Joseph Kulikauskas

CHORUS . . . . . O Lovely May . . . . . German

DUO . . . . . Prelude in C sharp minor . . . . . Rachmaninoff  
Piano: ROBERT HALL  
Organ: HERBERT ANDERSON

VALEDICTORY . . . . . Herbert Anderson

CHORUS . . . . . Gloria in Excelsis (12th Mass) . . . . . Mozart

Presentation of Diplomas and Announcement of Prizes

JAMES P. HUTCHINSON, M.D., President

SCHOOL SONG . . . . . "Overbrook" . . . . . The School

GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1939

HERBERT LLOYD ANDERSON . . . . . Lancaster  
PAUL HOMER BROBST . . . . . Hamburg  
FLORENCE CAPPARELL . . . . . Hazleton  
CATHERINE LUCY DERACO . . . . . Lebanon  
GEORGE TILGHMAN EBERWEIN, JR. . . . . Slatington  
STELLA FILL . . . . . Philadelphia  
ESTHER ELIZABETH GENTHNER . . . . . Reading  
MARIAN ISABEL GENTHNER . . . . . Reading  
ROBERT H. GLENN . . . . . Philadelphia  
WILLIAM ROBERT JONES . . . . . Scranton  
MARY E. KAPELUS . . . . . Lansford  
JOSEPH W. KULIKAUSKAS . . . . . Wilkes-Barre  
LEON J. SHARFF . . . . . Philadelphia  
PHILIP CHARLES TUSO . . . . . Philadelphia

MANUAL CERTIFICATE

ARLINE ROSE . . . . . Greentown



## CLASS MOTTO

Fit via vi

## COLORS

Blue and Silver

## CLASS GIFT TO THE SCHOOL

Pink Dogwood Tree

## CLASS OFFICERS

President . . . . . ROBERT GLENN  
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J. FRANCIS FISHER PRIZES FOR SCHOLARSHIP  
Stella Fill Herbert Anderson

HARRISON PRIZES FOR INDUSTRIAL WORK  
Arline Rose James Prettyman

BROWN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH  
Catherine L. Deraco

BOYS' PRIZE FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH  
Joseph Kulikauskas

GIRL'S PRIZE FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH  
Fay Engle

MARK G. DANFIELD MUSIC PRIZES

Dorothy Jean Barnard	Nello DiGirolamo
Josephine Cordaro	Thomas Good
Angeline Cooper	Charles Hall
Catherine Deraco	Robert Hall
Raye Eberly	Ralph Jopling
Alta Marie Graver	Charles Link
Claire Lennon	William McDonald
Betty Miller	Arthur Segal
Helen Sattezahl	Edward Quill
Gladys Weisenborn	Thomas Whitby
Stanley Plawa	

HENRY GRIFFITH ROBBINS ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE  
Teddy Jones

FLORENCE AND MORRIS KOHN MEMORIAL  
Raye Eberly Gladys Weisenborn

NEAL F. QUIMBY PRIZE  
William Gardner

HEPLER BRAILLE PRIZES  
Charles Link Margaret Sorber

**GIRL'S BLAZER AWARD**

Theresa Torcivia    Claire Lennon

**WINNERS OF THE DECLAMATION CONTEST: Boys' School**

First Prize    . . . James T. Winters

Second Prize    . Herbert L. Anderson

Honorable Mention    . Leon T. Sharff

**JUDGE MARTIN CUP CONTEST**

Robert Glenn — 20 points

**J. CLARENCE ALEXANDER MEMORIAL CUP CONTEST**

Joseph Cameron — 23 points

**ANNA WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE**

Marian E. Omlor

**ANNA WILLIAMS MEMORIAL JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PRIZES**

Alma Prosser            Maud Kirkley

Joseph Perry

**GRADUATED BY HIGH SCHOOLS**

The following have spent their fourth year  
at schools near their homes:

STELLA FILL, Kensington High School for Girls,  
will receive her diploma when she has com-  
pleted Geometry.

GEORGE LOUIS REED, William Penn High School,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Diploma awarded  
at the mid-winter Commencement, January,  
1939.

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATES**

ROBERT ALLMAN . . . . . University of Pennsylvania, B.A., June, 1939.

HELEN KAPLONIAK . . . . . New Jersey College for Women, B.A., June, 1939.

HELEN LOUISE REIDY . . . . . Eastman School of Music, Graduate Study, 1939.

GLADYS SHOCKLEY . . . . . University of Pennsylvania, B.A., February, 1939.



**Publications of the Research Department  
of the  
Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind**

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- No. 1. Report of Preliminary Tests in Reading — April, 1917.  
*By* Samuel P. Hayes, Ph.D., Director of Psychological Research,  
Published June, 1918.
- No. 2. Self Surveys in Schools for the Blind — A Manual for the  
Guidance of Teachers.  
*By* Samuel P. Hayes, Ph.D., Director of Psychological Research,  
Published December, 1921.
- No. 3. What Can the Blind Do? — A Study of Five Hundred Former  
Pupils of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction  
of the Blind.  
*By* Ruth F. Sargent, A.B., Assistant in Research,  
Published June, 1924.
- No. 4. Ten Years of Psychological Research in Schools for the Blind.  
*By* Samuel P. Hayes, Ph.D., Director of Psychological Research,  
Published January, 1927.

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of the  
Perkins Institution for the Blind**

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- No. 1. Preliminary Study of Influence upon School Success of the  
Age at Which Vision is Lost — June, 1922.  
*By* Samuel P. Hayes, Ph.D., Director of Psychological Research,  
Published January, 1923.
- No. 2. Mental Tests: A General Survey of the Field — June, 1924.  
*By* Samuel P. Hayes, Ph.D., Director of Psychological Research,  
Published April, 1926.
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O. H. BURRITT  
1907 - 1936

A. G. COWGILL  
1936 -

E. A. ALLEN  
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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**Managers**  
**OF THE**  
**Pennsylvania Institution**  
**FOR THE**  
**Instruction of the Blind**



**1939 - - - 1940**

## **Proceedings of the One Hundred Eighth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers**

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The stated annual meeting of the members of The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind was held at 1305 Locust Street, Thursday, December 21, 1939, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Battles was elected Chairman and Mr. Price Secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Nominations of officers to serve for the ensuing year were made and on motion the Secretary was unanimously instructed to cast one ballot for those nominated. The Secretary reported that he had cast the ballot as directed, and the Chairman declared the following persons duly elected:



# OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION

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HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ARTHUR H. JAMES

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WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, M.D. (1913)	ARTHUR N. COLES (1922)
CHARLES J. BIDDLE (1916)	NICHOLAS G. ROOSEVELT (1925)

## Secretary

## Treasurer

PHILIP PRICE (1934)	ALLSTON JENKINS (1930)
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## Managers

HARRY W. HARRISON (1930)	GEORGE WILLING PEPPER (1936)*
WINTHROP H. BATTLES (1934)	EDWARD HOPKINSON, JR. (1937)
CHARLES P. STOKES (1934)	JAMES H. ROBINS (1937)
EDMUND R. PURVES (1935)	WILLIAM T. CARTER, II (1940)
C. TOWNSEND LUDINGTON (1935)	SIDNEY F. TYLER (1940)
CHARLES J. YOUNG (1940)	

## Consulting Physicians

JOHN H. GIBBON, M.D. (1925)	ARTHUR NEWLIN, M.D. (1928)
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\*Resigned Spring 1940

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# STANDING COMMITTEES

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CHARLES P. STOKES	PHILIP PRICE
ALLSTON JENKINS	EDWARD HOPKINSON, JR.
WINTHROP H. BATTLES	SIDNEY F. TYLER

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WINTHROP H. BATTLES	JAMES H. ROBINS
WM. H. JEFFERYS, M.D.	C. TOWNSEND LUDINGTON
HARRY W. HARRISON	CHARLES J. YOUNG

## Household

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NICHOLAS G. ROOSEVELT	ARTHUR N. COLES
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## City Office

EDMUND R. PURVES

# FACULTY AND STAFF OF THE SCHOOL

1939-40

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## Administrative Department

ALBERT G. COWGILL, A.B., B.S. . . . . *Principal*  
DOROTHY G. POWNALL . . . . . *Secretary to Principal*  
RACHEL O. DWINELL, B.S. (left 3-1-40) . . . . . *Assistant Secretary*  
MARGARET R. COGGESHALL (came 2-6-40) . . . . . *Assistant Secretary*  
GLADYS L. WEBBER . . . . . *Bookkeeper*

## Academic Department

NEAL F. QUIMBY, A.B., M.Ed., D.Ed. . *Boys' Principal Teacher—Occ., Phys. Ed.*  
ETHEL K. ARTHUR, A.B., M.A. . *Girls' Principal Teacher—Am. History and Geog.*  
EFFIE L. BULLARD . . . . . *Geography, Grammar, Spelling—Grades IV-VII*  
AIMEE BEALER CHARLTON . . . . *Speech Correction, Expression and Declamation*  
\*FRANCIS J. CUMMINGS, Ph.D. . . . . *English and French—Grades IX-XII*  
DAVID V. GOODMAN, B.A. . *Science, Math., Poultry-Husbandry—Grades VII-XI*  
\*ELWOOD M. GOVAN, B.S. . . . . *Latin and Arithmetic—Special Classes*  
DOROTHY R. HARTMAN . . . . . *Grade III—Boys and Girls*  
AUDREY D. KEENE . . . . . *Grade IV—Girls*  
RUTH MASLOW LEWIS, B.A., M.A., . . . . . *Special Class (Ungraded)*  
†\*HARRY J. DITZLER, B.A., F.A.G.O. . *Music, Ungraded Classes—Dir., Swing Band*  
JOSEPHINE LOCICERO, A.B. . . . . *Clay Modeling—Grade V—Boys*  
SARAH V. LONG, A.B. . . . . *Commercial Subjects*  
NEAL L. MAXWELL . . . . . *Grade IV—Boys*  
CONSTANCE MOREY . . . . . *Mathematics—Grades V-X*  
MARY JANE MYERS, A.B. . . . . *English, Latin, Spelling—Grades VII-XI*  
\*IDA E. PRICE . . . . . *Grades IV-VI—Girls*  
\*ANNA V. WARD, A.B. . . . . *Teacher of Braille*

\*Visually handicapped

†Part-time



## Physical Education Department

NEAL F. QUIMBY, A.B., M.Ed., D.Ed. . . . . Director, Boys' School  
\*ALLEN COX, B.A. . . . . Assistant, Boys' School  
MARTHA P. GOODMAN, B.S. . . . . Director, Girls' School

## Primary Department

MARGARET A. PHILIPS (left Dec., 1939) . . . Principal Teacher and First Grade  
CHARLOTTE K. DUDDY (came 1-1-40) . . . Principal Teacher and First Grade  
\*ANNA K. HARTMAN . . . . . Second Grade  
ANNE WHITTELSEY, Litt.B. . . . . Kindergarden

## Music Department

†RALPH P. LEWARS, A.B., Mus.D. . . Principal Teacher—Piano, Organ, Theory, Chorus  
ELSIE E. BRUGGEMANN . . . . . Piano  
\*WILLIAM A. CURRLIN. . . . . Tuning, Assistant—Swing Band  
S. GERTRUDE REESS . . . . . Piano, Solfeggio, Girls' Glee Club  
†EDWARD GARRETT . . . . . Voice  
†\*EDYTHE MORRIS . . . . . Librarian, Braille Music

## Manual Arts Department

NATALIE RUTH . . . . . Girls' Department—Home Economics, Sewing  
\*MABEL COLVIN . . . . . Hand and Machine Sewing  
†\*ELWOOD M. GOVAN, B.S. . . . . Basketry and Netting—Boys' School  
\*HERBERT HARTUNG . . . . . Caning, Brushmaking, Leather work, Door-mats—Boys  
\*AUGUSTA HORNER . . . . . Caning, Weaving, Leather work—Girls  
\*AGNES LOCUSON . . . . . Weaving, Knitting—Girls  
ROMULUS LEONARDO, B.S. . . . . Woodwork, Metalwork—Boys

## Library and Printing Office

JOSEPHINE L. CHRYSLER, A.B. . . . . Librarian, Special Library  
\*JOHN D. FORBES . . . . . Librarian, Braille Library  
SAMUEL NORMAN . . . . . Stereotyper  
†\*IDA E. PRICE . . . . . Finger Proof Reader

## Research Department

†SAMUEL P. HAYES, Ph.D. . . . . Director  
†RUTH F. SARGENT, A.B. . . . . Assistant

## Household Department

EDWARD P. SIMMONDS . . . . . Steward  
KATHERINE D. HOLCOMB . . . . . Matron  
ELIZABETH CHRISTENSEN . . . . . Food Administrator  
J. E. HUTCHINSON . . . . . Consulting Engineer  
MICHAEL CRONIN . . . . . Chief Engineer

\*Visually handicapped

†Part-time

Housemothers

<i>Girls</i>		<i>Boys</i>
IZORA ROUSH . . . . .	<i>Senior Cottage</i> . . . . .	FRANCES B. HAINS
HANNAH W. GORDON . . . . .	<i>Intermediate</i> . . . . .	EFFIE M. MOLAN
MARIE THOMSON . . . . .	<i>Junior</i> . . . . .	HELEN MCCURDY
HARRIET CRAWFORD . . . . .	<i>Primary Building</i> . . . . .	LEILA D. MOORE
MATTIE G. BERRY . . . . .	<i>Relief Housemother and Assistant Nurse</i>	
CELIA QUIMBY . . . . .	<i>Housemother, Senior Cottage and Co-ordinator of Volunteer Readers</i>	

Health Department

WILLIAM DRAYTON, JR., M.D. . . . .	} <i>Physicians</i>
FRANCIS W. SINKLER, M.D. . . . .	
WILFRED E. FRY, M.D. . . . .	<i>Ophthalmologist</i>
WILLIAM HEWSON, M.D. . . . .	<i>Laryngologist</i>
ELLISON BARNARD WEAVER, D.D.S. . . . .	<i>Dentist</i>
CARROLL S. WRIGHT, M.D. . . . .	<i>Dermatologist</i>
EDITH WOODWARD . . . . .	<i>Registered Nurse</i>

Telephone Operators

- \*MAE E. DAVIDOW, A.B.
- \*AUGUSTA HORNER
- \*JOHN FORBES
- Older students

\*Visually handicapped  
†Part-time

Calendar for the School Year 1939-40

September 12, 1939 . . . . .	Opening of School term.
November 23 . . . . .	Thanksgiving holiday.
December 19 . . . . .	Christmas Musicale.
	Pupils go home for the holidays.
January 7, 1940 . . . . .	Pupils return after holidays.
	Classwork resumed on Monday, Jan. 8.
March 15 . . . . .	Easter vacation begins.
March 27 . . . . .	School work resumed.
May 15 . . . . .	Spring Musicale — Senior.
May 22 . . . . .	Overbrook Day. School open to visitors.
May 28 . . . . .	Girls' Declamation Contest.
June 4 . . . . .	Spring Musicale — Junior.
June 14 . . . . .	Commencement.

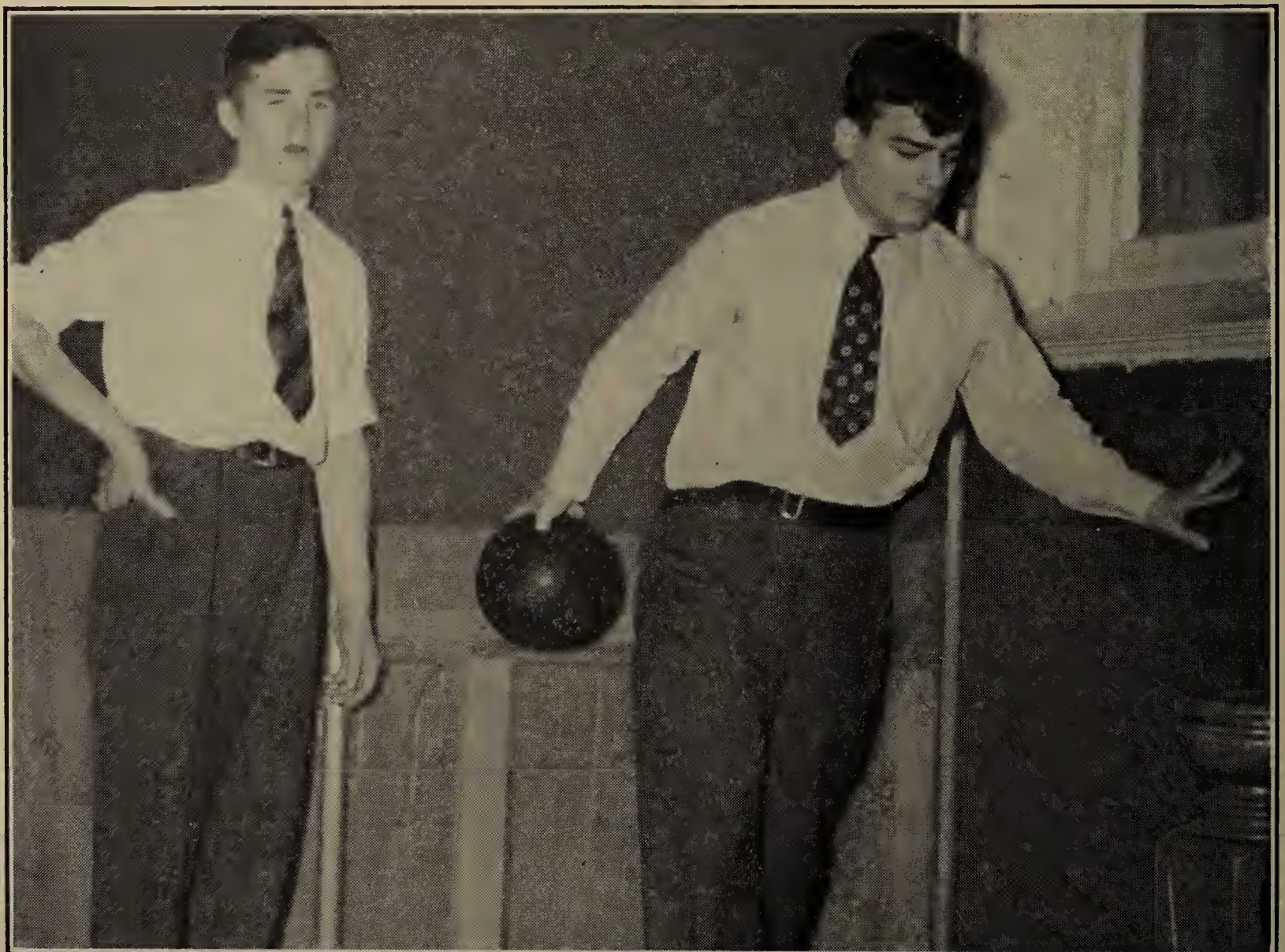








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# Annual Report of the Board of Managers to the Members of the Association and to the Legislature

During this school year we have been constantly impressed by the fact that, in our endeavors at Overbrook to give our students a well-rounded education which will fit them to take their places in society as wage-earning, respected members of their communities, we are keeping our scholastic standards on a par with those in schools for the seeing. Now that Overbrook is on the list of approved private secondary schools, we feel we are paralleling even more closely the training given in regular public and private schools.

Another milestone is the scholastic aptitude test, adapted to our needs, to determine whether our graduates are fully equipped as candidates for higher education.

We are extremely appreciative of the cooperation of the Department of Public Instruction; their interest in and helpfulness with our problems has been most encouraging. Members of our staff join the State teachers' organizations and benefit greatly thereby. Ours is a special problem, but we often find that methods used with pupils who see can be adapted to fit our needs.

To look back over the little more than a hundred years of this school's existence is to realize the enormous strides taken in the education of the blind; no longer are those with seriously defective vision or totally blind taught only the rudiments of education. Instead, their education is keeping step with that of pupils in schools for those who can see.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. HUTCHINSON  
*President.*

# Annual Report of the Principal to the Board of Managers

GENTLEMEN :

In looking back over the school year of 1939-40, reviewing the school life as a whole, I believe that it can be well said that it has been a year of progress—the school life itself, outside contacts, graduates securing employment—all has pointed to the fact that our work is not failing in its primary purpose, that of educating blind pupils to become at least in part self-supporting and self-respecting citizens, who can take their places in a community to the advantage of all.

The housemothers reported for duty the day after Labor Day, September 5th, in order to get the house in readiness to receive staff and pupils the week following. The remainder of the staff arrived in accordance with instructions not later than Monday, September 11th. The first staff meeting of the year was held that evening; pupils returned the following day and the school routine was resumed with morning exercises on Wednesday, September 13th.

## Changes in Staff

There were few changes this year, considering the size of the staff. Two new positions have been made in our personnel: one the appointment of Mr. Edward Garrett, of New York, as teacher of voice one afternoon a week, taking some individuals and some group work. Dr. Carroll S. Wright, dermatologist, was appointed to the school staff, since quite often we are in need of his services and have never had a staff physician for this work.

MISS MARGARET PHILIPS, Supervisor of the Primary Department for a number of years, tendered her resignation effective December 31, 1939. Miss Philips spent twenty-three years in the service of the school, and was a person of admirable instincts and understanding, and had the skill that comes with long and conscientious effort in a given line. Her record here at Overbrook was one of real achievement, for perhaps nowhere in the school is there such a need for understanding and sympathetic guidance combined with firmness and thorough knowledge of the problems presented by the child with impaired vision or one who cannot see at all. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

MRS. CHARLOTTE K. DUDDY, a former teacher at the Kindergarten, was appointed to this position in January, 1940. Mrs. Duddy had an excellent record, and we feel she will fill this position to the best of her ability.

MISS RACHEL DWINELL, assistant secretary, resigned as of February 28th, and MISS MARGARET COGGESHALL was appointed to fill this vacancy.

MISS JOSEPHINE LOCICERO, of Passaic, New Jersey, was appointed as teacher of Fifth Grade, Boys, and in addition will teach clay modeling as a correlated form study to all groups between the Third and Fifth Grades, inclusive.



MISS EDYTHE H. MORRIS, a graduate of Overbrook in 1915, was appointed to put our braille music library in order, (cleaning, sorting, cataloguing, etc.) and after the first month, to work two days a week on the library and in supervising the practice of the piano pupils.

MRS. MINNIE BONNET, the housemother in the older boys' cottage, retired on age in June, 1939, after a service dating back to 1923. Mrs. Bonnet was outstanding in her unselfishness and thoughtfulness in dealing with people and unconsciously won a place in their affections. The group of boys in her care usually numbered thirty, with additional day pupils, and being in their 'teens, the problems presented were many. She handled them all with patience and skill. Her place will indeed be most difficult to fill.

MISS FRANCES B. HAINS will succeed Mrs. Bonnet in Cottage "C" and will, we believe, be an excellent successor to Mrs. Bonnet.

MRS. MARY H. O'BRIEN, who came to us last year as housemother of Cottage "F," has tendered her resignation and will be succeeded by MRS MARIE THOMSON.

**Health** One of the best safeguards to the health of our pupils is the series of examinations of all new pupils: these involve general medical, Wassermann, dental, nose and throat, and eye examinations. These make it easier to maintain the general health of the school family, which has been good this year, except for a mild epidemic of upper respiratory infection which sent about 73 pupils and members of the staff to the infirmary for varying lengths of time; usually a few days' treatment and rest enabled them to return to their regular routine.

Thirteen tonsillectomies were performed this year. There was one case of scarlet fever, the youngster being sent to the Municipal Hospital until fully recovered. One youngster had chickenpox, but that was the extent of our contagious diseases.

**Scholastic Aptitude Tests** Heretofore our candidates have been accepted at colleges on the basis of their I.Q.'s, school records, and recommendations from School and State, without the customary aptitude test required of seeing students. An adaptation of this test has now been devised through the cooperation of the American Foundation, Mr. George F. Meyer of the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, and Dr. Carl C. Brigham, of Princeton and the College Entrance Examination Board. Tests of several sections, in Braille and Talking-Book recordings, were accordingly administered by Miss Ruth Sargent, our Assistant in the Research Department to 14 of our seniors and juniors and two sophomores already in colleges.

Considerable administrative arrangement went into this to decide upon a date agreeable to three organizations. Also each student had to have a room with facilities for using typewriters and Talking-Book machines. The music practice rooms proved very satisfactory.

The scores which finally reached us justify the recommendations of the school, as the two sophomores rated well (one of them a student at the University of Pennsylvania, making the highest score in the group), and the two candidates for admission in September, rating exceptionally well.

It is an excellent thing to have this further means of choosing those students capable of acquiring a college education.

**Our School on Accredited List**

Some time ago we planned to try to enroll one of our boys in the School of Physiotherapy, which is a part of the Graduate Hospital and must therefore conform to the requirements of the Bureau of Professional Licensing. To our surprise, it was discovered that our school was not on the accredited list and that any of our graduates would have to take the State examinations. Immediately contact was established with the Bureau of Pre-Professional Credits, and the head of the department urged to visit this school. The outcome of this visit is contained in this quotation from a letter from James G. Pentz, Chief, Pre-Professional Credentials Division: "You will be pleased to know that the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind at Overbrook is placed on our list of approved private secondary schools."

**Visit from the Superintendent of Public Instruction**

On December 14th we had a very pleasant visit from Dr. Francis H. Haas, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Dr. T. Ernest Newland, Chief of Special Education. They arrived about nine and went through the school program. They appeared to be very much pleased with what we had to show them. It is a long time since we have had such a generous visit from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the interest shown in our school both by Dr. Newland and Dr. Haas promises still more cooperation, of which we have had no cause to complain.

**Course in Physics**

Our new course in Practical Physics which was introduced in September of this school year has been progressing most satisfactorily under the guidance of Mr. David Goodman. This course, which is the first of its kind in a school for the blind, but has been proven in the field of general education, attempts to teach the principles of mechanics, heat, light, and electricity by the actual application of these principles to common everyday situations. A few of the applications used:

1. Fences stretched by levers and pulleys
2. Hen houses raised for new foundations by jacks
3. Power transmission in woodshop studied and repaired
4. Inclined planes used with wheelbarrows.

**Volunteer Reading**

MRS. NEAL F. QUIMBY, who coordinates and arranges the times when those who need readers and those willing to read to blind persons, may get together, has submitted an elaborate and interesting report which would prove amazing reading, in its showing of the scope and detail of this work. Nine organizations, exclusive of individuals, have supplied readers for the period of this school year just ended. Those receiving this assistance are 10 college students, 5 home teachers, 3 graduate students now out of college, 7 older students at Overbrook, 5 blind teachers at Overbrook.



**Home Teachers Training Course**

Three young ladies and two young men are taking the Home Teachers course this year. Of the former, two are in their second year of this two-year course. Of the two young men, one is a graduate of this school, and a graduate of Temple University. In the case of the two young ladies from Ohio and the one from Connecticut, positions upon completion of their work here have been arranged by the Commissions for the Blind in these states. Mr. Sinclair of the Pennsylvania State Council for the Blind is hopeful of being able to place the two young men from Pennsylvania. The most recently enrolled is Byron Elder, a graduate of Westminster College and until two years ago a teacher in the high school at Picture Rocks. Afflicted with detachment of the retina, Mr. Elder has now only a little vision. He is a young man of high standards and excellent morale and will quickly make the adjustment to his new and, at first, bewildering condition.

As a part of their course, several lectures have been given by people allied in this work but outside of the school. Valuable information was given on the physiology and structure of the eye by Miss Evelyn Carpenter, of the Philadelphia Committee on Prevention of Blindness. Dr. Samuel Hayes, our director of research, addressed this group in December. Mrs. Jessie Royer Greaves, of the Royer-Greaves School at King of Prussia, addressed the class in January. Every Thursday afternoon, Miss Marion Kohn, of the Department of Public Assistance, spends an hour with the group giving information and advice from the diversified and interesting experience gained over a period of twenty years in social work. Miss Lydia Y. Hayes, formerly executive director of the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, addressed the home teachers in training in January.

**Play Given by Philodrama Society**

"Once There Was a Princess," by Juliet Wilbor Tompkins, was the play presented by the Philodrama Society of the School on March 14th, 1940. The proceeds of the play are used to supply the treasury of the Boys' Athletic Association, from which the expenses of the wrestling team are met. The business and advertising committees were made up entirely of pupils, who carried out their work very well indeed.

The performance was an excellent one, and the monetary return encouraging.

**Ophthalmologists' Visit**

Our ophthalmologist, Dr. Wilfred E. Fry, brought his class in ophthalmology (graduate physicians specializing in eye work) of the University of Pennsylvania, to the school on Wednesday, April 3rd, to see the school and the methods of educating those who are blind or have seriously defective vision. On April 10th these same men came again to the school for a two-hour session when 45 pupils, representing 20 diagnoses of eye trouble, were examined by them.

**Pennsylvania State Conference for the Education of Exceptional Children**

This annual conference is conducted by the Division of Special Education, under the Department of Public Instruction, and participation in it becomes a duty by reason of our operation (as far as curriculum is concerned) under this department of the State system. Both Princi-

pal Teachers, thirteen members of the faculty, and the Principal attended the Conference. One teacher was in charge of the "Blind and Sight-Saving" section, two teachers had papers to read, and at all times the participation by Overbrook's representatives was constructive and helpful.

**Eastern Pennsylvania Conference on the Education of Exceptional Children.** The Conference on Education of Exceptional Children was held in the School auditorium on the evening of May 16. The affair was called together and arranged by the President of the Pennsylvania Conference on the Education of Exceptional Children, who happens to be our Boys' Principal Teacher, Dr. Neal F. Quimby, in an effort to stimulate interest in this branch of the profession.

An attractive and helpful program was offered, at which the principal speaker was Dr. Edgar A. Doll of the Vineland Training School, the author and deviser of the Social Maturity Test.

Having the meeting here served to demonstrate a good program of special education, gave us publicity among professional people, and served to get our faculty acquainted with other teachers in the field.

**Overbrook Day** The third annual "Open House" (since the revival of the old-time custom) was held on May 22. We felt that we had more than ever, material of interest to the public, and the Principal was very much pleased with the whole-hearted cooperation of the staff in getting ready for this event—*much* work goes into the preparation. The number who visited us was about the same as last year, something over four hundred.

**Liborio Delfino's Will** Under the will of Liborio Delfino, former field officer and manager of the Salesroom and Exchange, the school was left, "in appreciation for the education and training given me at that Institution, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars," which sum Mr. Delfino directed be invested by the Board of Managers of this Institution as a perpetual endowment fund, of which the income only may be used; said income to be used for the purpose of providing clothing for such pupils in attendance at the School who themselves and whose parents are unable to provide clothing for them.

Mr. Delfino's thoughtfulness in remembering the school where he received his education, will perpetuate his memory for the lifetime of the school.

**Salesroom and Exchange** During the year 1939-40 our Salesroom and Exchange remained closed, so far as actual operation was concerned. The orders for tuning, caning, etc. were taken care of, and the premises were cleaned and painted in anticipation of a new regime at 1305 Locust Street.

**Our Deaf-Blind Lad** A special allocation from the State of Pennsylvania will provide for the education of our deaf-blind lad, Joseph Iannace, at the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind.



In Appreciation:

This is my opportunity to thank the members of the staff for the continuous support that has been given me in all things, for it is only by close cooperation that progress is made. It is also my wish to extend to the Board of Managers grateful appreciation of the encouragement given me for all our endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. COWGILL  
*Principal*

## The Home Teacher Training Course at Overbrook

The Home Teachers' Training Course was initiated in 1924. The first group consisted of only two students—young women graduates of the school who had become interested in preparing for social work among the blind. During the fifteen years that have elapsed, twenty-one students have availed themselves of these training opportunities, and, with one exception, have secured regular remunerative employment. Though no responsibility is assumed, Overbrook is always ready to aid graduates in securing employment.

The purpose of the course is to provide adequate training for the visually handicapped prospective home teacher. That the visually handicapped trainee should have training equal to those without such a handicap is axiomatic.

Requirements for admission: good health; viewpoint and aptitude providing a mature approach to social problems; the completion of two years' credits in a recognized college or university.

The course of study combines for two years the facilities afforded at a well-equipped school for the blind and one of the best schools for the training of social workers, the Pennsylvania School of Social Work affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania. The course at the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind provides the means of acquiring professional knowledge, theoretical and practical; it arranges observation visits and formal lectures by those well-known in special fields. The program at the Pennsylvania School of Social Work includes instruction in subjects designed to provide a broad background of knowledge in social work together with training directed to the development of competence and skill through field work paralleled by discussion in class of problems met in practice.

Those home teaching students considered eligible, after personal interviews with authorities at the Pennsylvania School of Social Work, are admitted to courses in the Extension Department such as: Attitudes and Behavior, Development of Personality, Social Case Work Practice, Public Health and Medical Care, Psychiatry in Relation to Social Work, Social and Economic Change.

Upon successful completion of this two-year course, a special diploma is given by the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind.

Professional training includes general view of the field of service; the blind in early times; history of systematic home teaching; classes for the retarded blind; the eye—its structure, defects and diseases; prevention of blindness and conservation of vision; social case work problems based upon experience with individuals and with groups; vocational and employment opportunities; publications and library work; national and state agencies for the welfare of the blind; legislation—education, industrial, relief.



Observation visits are made to local agencies for the welfare of the blind; lectures and informal talks by authorities in their field; attendance at conferences and informal social functions.

The practical part of the course provides opportunity for a study of all subjects which a home teacher may be called upon to teach, including methods of teaching reading and writing systems; pencil writing; manual alphabet for communication with the deaf-blind; typing; a study of expense accounts, filing, home teaching tabulated reports; modern business practices.

The Home Economics Department provides lectures on the study of foods, care and feeding of children; food for the family group, and practical cooking. The students learn selection and care of clothing, practical work in the making of garments, cleaning and care of rooms, laundering, house-furnishing and budget-making.

The tuition is \$700.00 per annum—\$300.00 for tuition, \$400.00 for board and room. This amount covers also laundry, reading service and travel expense to and from the Pennsylvania School of Social Work.

The school will gladly furnish additional information upon request.

# Report of the Department of Research

SAMUEL P. HAYES, PH.D.

*Director of Psychological Research*

This department became of age in the fall of 1937, and the years since have shown the results of the long process of growing up. At last a large percentage of the schools for the blind are with us and the testing and other schemes we started are becoming routine procedure in all parts of the country.

Achievement testing was begun at Overbrook. Our study of the reading of the blind in the spring of 1917 demonstrated that it was possible to use with the blind, standard tests in the school subjects first issued for the seeing; that about three-fold the seeing time allowance was necessary when giving tests in braille; that there were enormous differences in the test results of individuals and of grades.

Our survey of ten schools in 1918 and 1919 showed the possibility of using the same technique with most of the other school subjects and Overbrook Publication No. 2, "Manual of Self-Surveys in Schools for the Blind" recommended the use of these tests to teachers and principals, and gave the details for testing, scoring and interpreting. But for many years very little achievement testing was done in any schools except Overbrook and Perkins, and in the schools to which these two sent their trained testers. The cooperation of the American Foundation for the Blind, the establishment of the Experimental School at Perkins and inauguration of the Teachers Forum all helped to kindle the fires, however, and now in the third decade of testing in schools for the blind we find not only cooperation but initiative, i.e., not only are our tests widely used, but teachers are beginning to adapt tests for their own use, selecting material that particularly pleases them.

Perhaps the greatest contribution to the movement has been our adaptation of the Standard Achievement Tests which has now been used in all five forms at Perkins, four times at the New York Institute and the Ohio School, three times at Overbrook, once at each of the following schools (and probably at others): Iowa, West Virginia, Indiana, Batavia, South Carolina and Tennessee. As the results of such testing are sent to us, it is possible to make many valuable comparisons between schools as well as between grades and groupings by mental and chronological age. Several articles for the Teachers Forum have been developed from this material starting with the directions for using these tests in Volume IX and followed by "Can the Blind Pass in Geography?" and "Words Are Wise Men's Counters" in Volume X; "What Do Blind Children Know?" and "Practical Hints for Testers" in Volume XI. In Volume XII another long and important series of tests was presented, the Otis-Orleans Standard Graduation Examination for Elementary Grades, intended to measure the level attained by blind children seeking to go into the high school; and in Volume XIII there will be issued a general article giving a history, inventory and criticism of tests to date. Progress with the tests was also reported at the A.A.I.B. conventions at Raleigh, N. C. in 1936, at Lansing, Mich. in 1938, and at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1940, where decided interest in testing was shown by the delegates, special round tables for the discussion of tests being arranged for at the



last two conventions. Considerable correspondence has been carried on with the American Printing House to arrange for their distribution of braille test material and as much of the needed ink-print material as possible. And detailed reports with tables and graphs to bring out the significance of the results have been sent to all the schools giving us their data. These results have been the topics for discussion at several teachers' meetings at Overbrook. Apparently Overbrook stands pretty well in most of the school subjects, both in comparison with other schools for the blind and with the standards for the seeing. And where weaknesses appear in individuals, grades or subjects, the tests have served as a guide for remedial treatment. In fact the third use of these tests showed a very satisfactory ironing out of valleys in the curves and a general raising of the levels in most subjects.

Great progress has been made in the standardization of the Binet Tests, but it was not possible to print a new Guide in 1940 as we had hoped. An extended statistical study was completed early in that year and a report presented at the Atlantic City meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in April which seemed to justify a revision of the 1930 Guide, at least for children up to 12 years. But no extended use had been made of the Terman-Merrill 1937 edition of the Stanford Binet Tests, nor of the new Adult Intelligence Scale published in 1939 by David Wechsler, both of which seemed to merit a careful trial. So it was decided to postpone the publication of a new Guide for the Hayes-Binet tests and try out these two new series at Perkins Institution, where the writer was to take up work on his retirement from Mt. Holyoke College in June, 1940. Indications are that the 1930 Guide will be reprinted with minor changes as a pre-adolescent scale, with provision for using the six verbal tests of the Wechsler scale for children from 12 or 14 years upward; and that a combination of the L and M series of the Terman-Merrill 1937 scale will yield a comparable series of tests which may be used for testing children in alternate years, thus providing against abnormally high scores from repeated use of the Hayes-Binet scale. An added advantage of this plan is that through the use of the Wechsler and 1937 Terman-Merrill scales direct comparisons with the seeing will be provided, both of these scales being standardized on large numbers of seeing subjects, and being given unchanged to the blind.

As usual the writer has given chapel talks in popular psychology and ethics on his visits to Overbrook, and some of these talks have been printed in the Forum for similar use in other schools. Following is the list of talks for the period covered:

"Do You Believe It?"—A display and criticism of popular superstitions.

"Psychology in the News"—A critique of the loose use of words like instinct.

"Have You an Inferiority Complex?"—A common adolescent fear.

"On Getting Away With It"—Questionable types of behavior in the young.

"The Psychologist at the Breakfast Table"—What we like and don't like, and why.

"What's the Use in Staying at Home?"—Must we seek excitement outside?

Three other talks were printed in the Forum: "Mnemonic devices," "Busybodies" and "Mental Set."

For the convenience of teachers and other workers for the blind, and the possible enlightenment of the public, a considerable number of the author's articles on testing and the psychology of blindness will be published as a book entitled "Contributions to a Psychology of Blindness" at the American Foundation for the Blind early in 1941. On the occasion of his promotion from a part-time to a full-time worker for the blind, the writer wishes to express his high appreciation for the whole-hearted support he has received from the principals and head teachers at Overbrook, for the many valuable discussions he has had with her teachers, and the able and dependable help contributed by his assistant, Miss Ruth Sargent, to his various experiments and projects. No pilot could have had a more trustworthy ground crew; without them his flights would surely have met disaster! Our modest achievements are excellent examples of cooperative teamwork.



## Report of the Special Library

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In the Special Library at Overbrook are books by the blind and about the blind, and it is considered one of the finest special libraries for the blind in the country. This library is used extensively for the Home Teachers in Training reading course. There are certain books, such as the life of Dr. Howe, that are recommended to new teachers for inspirational reading.

There are about one hundred and twenty manuscripts, essays and articles, largely about the blind and their problems. These have been catalogued.

The next large division consists of text and reference books for the use of the teachers. There is a good collection of fiction and biography for adults and a rather large collection of juvenilia. We have an excellent small library for speech and expression.

The Dunning Library (fiction) now contains some seven hundred volumes which are in constant circulation.

In a small room opening from the Braille library are placed the books on history and literature and a miscellaneous collection of books not in general use.

Our reading room is quite generally used, and there the magazines are in great demand.

Two W.P.A. workers spent about two weeks cataloguing our books published previous to 1876, as a project of the Historical Records Survey. The results of this cataloguing will be very interesting when published.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE LEE CHRYSLER  
*Librarian of Print Libraries*

## Report of the Braille Library

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The past year was a busy one for the library. To be sure, the main functions of this department are to distribute and collect books; however, our objectives are somewhat more complex.

We try to provide our pupils with modern, interesting text-books, by replacing and supplementing frequently. Of the amount allocated from the Federal funds for use in purchasing books from the American Printing House for the Blind this year, approximately seventy-five per cent was used for texts in mathematics, languages, science and reading.

We feel it is extremely important that our pupils should develop reading habits and a taste for good literature at an early age. As far down as the fifth grade we are gratified to note that some children are interested, not only in stories, but in authors as well. A few pupils have favorite authors, and wish to read their works exclusively. They furnish us with many interesting problems in our attempts to broaden the scope of their interests.

Material used for voluntary reading consists of Braille titles, Braille periodicals, and recorded literature, the last of which is now well past the experimental stage with us. We have twenty-two Talking Book machines, conveniently distributed throughout the school in classrooms and cottages. Our collection of Talking Book records consists of ninety-one titles, which are frequently used and greatly enjoyed. A new development in our work during the past year was the issuance, by the American Printing House for the Blind, of "The Reader's Digest" in recorded form, three copies of which we receive each month, with ten records for each issue. We have found that, although it is still advisable for us to receive the magazine in raised type for the benefit of those pupils who prefer Braille to the Talking Book machine, the magazine in the new form has become popular with most of our older pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. FORBES

*Braille Librarian.*



# STATISTICS

For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 1940

## Movement of Population

	Boys	Girls	Total
Resident at last report -----	138	99	237
Admitted during the year -----	18	15	33
Population -----	156	114	270
Discharged during the year -----	25	8	33
Resident at close of year -----	131	106	237

Age at admission of the 33 pupils received during the year, inclusive:

Age	No.	Age	No.	Age	No.
6 -----	2	13 -----	1	25 -----	1
7 -----	3	15 -----	3	26 -----	1
9 -----	3	16 -----	3	30 -----	1*
10 -----	4	17 -----	2	41 -----	1*
11 -----	1	18 -----	1	42 -----	1
12 -----	3	20 -----	2		

\*Members of the Home Teachers Training Course.

Twenty-nine of the students admitted were from Pennsylvania, three from New Jersey and one from Ohio.

Of those in attendance during the year, two hundred forty-three were from Pennsylvania, one from Connecticut, six from Delaware, two from Ohio, and eighteen from New Jersey.

Time in School of 33 pupils discharged during the year, inclusive:

Time here	No.	Time here	No.
Less than 1 year -----	7	8 years and more -----	1
1 year and more -----	2	10 " " " -----	2
2 years " " -----	4	11 " " " -----	6
3 " " " -----	3	12 " " " -----	2
4 " " " -----	2	13 " " " -----	1
6 " " " -----	3		

## NEW GRADING SYSTEM:

Effective June, 1939, we changed our system of marking reports as follows:

Former Method	Present System
G plus — 95 to 100	A plus — 95 to 100
G — 90 " 95	A — 90 " 95      Excellent
G minus — 85 " 90	B plus — 85 " 90
F plus — 80 " 85	B — 80 " 85      Good
F — 75 " 80	C plus — 75 " 80
F minus — 70 " 75	C — 70 " 75      Fair
P — Below 70; failure	D — 60 " 70      Conditional with possibility of re-examination
	E — Below 60 and absolute failure

We feel that this system will be much more satisfactory in grading the pupils, and we have had new yearly record sheets made up accordingly.

In addition each student will be graded on the following citizenship and character traits:

		Grading
Accuracy	Initiative	O — Outstanding
Attitude	Orderliness	
Concentration	Personal Appearance	S — Satisfactory
Conduct	Posture	
Cooperation	Self-control	U — Unsatisfactory
Courtesy	Sociability	
Dependability	Table Manners	

**Ophthalmologist’s Report:**

The following grouping of the 32 new admissions during the school year indicates the causes of blindness and the etiology of each group:

Causes of Blindness	No.	Etiology
Retino-choroiditis -----	7	Uveitis; congenital; infantile paralysis; probably congenital in type; myopia
Optic atrophy -----	4	Brain tumor; congenital syphilis; traumatic; uveitis
Retinal degeneration -----	3	Congenital; unknown
Bilateral retinal detachment --	2	Myopia; congenital
Myopia -----	2	Congenital
Ophthalmia neonatorum -----	2	G. C. infection
Buphthalmos -----	2	Congenital
Uveitis -----	2	Infection, type unknown; meningitis
Bilateral complicated cataract -	1	Detachment of retina
Coloboma of iris and choroid -	1	Congenital
Congenital cataract -----	1	Congenital
Congenital coloboma -----	1	O.D. myopia; O.S., microphthalmos
Congenital luetic -----	1	Congenital luetic
Interstitial keratitis -----	1	Congenital syphilis
Ophthalmia -----	1	Uncertain
No diagnosis -----	1	No diagnosis

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**Relatives Blind:** Of the thirty-two pupils admitted during the school year, twenty-one are listed as having no relatives blind or with seriously defective vision; there is no information available on one pupil, who remained only a day and a half; on the remaining ten the following information has been received:

- 1—sister has defective eye, wears glasses; grandmother blind in later years; mother has slight eye weakness; father had minor eye disorder during childhood.
- 1—brother has myopia; sister far-sighted; mother has worn glasses since childhood.
- 1—mother wears glasses; astigmatism.
- 1—father and mother have good vision; sisters and brothers wear glasses.
- 1—second cousin of father is blind; mother wears glasses.
- 1—mother wears glasses for close work.
- 1—mother and father, poor vision; two sisters wear glasses.
- 1—father had cataract.
- 1—two sisters wear glasses; father had operation on left eye following accident.
- 1—mother very near-sighted (glaucoma); father a little near-sighted.



## Pupils Enrolled During the Year 1939-40

### GIRLS

Armstrong, June	Genthner, Marian I.	Oxenford, Helen
Bailey, June	Glick, Margaret	Phillips, Mary D.
Bamber, Mary	Graver, Alta M.	Presz, Catherine
Barnard, Dorothy J.	Green, Alice	Prosser, Alma
Bentz, Virginia	Hackett, Marjorie H.	Pugliese, Kathryn
Berger, Virginia	Harmon, Retta	Reale, Elvira
Blaschack, Olga	Harris, Janet	Reames, Helen (H.T.)
Bogner, Lorraine	Hill, Dorothy	Reilly, Mary Lou
Bossert, Janice	Hohman, Doris	Rice, Blanche
Boyer, Anna C.	Hons, Mildred V.	Rist, Charlotte
Brandt, Joyce A.	Hughes, Joan	Ritchey, Doris
Brandt, Sarah J.	Humm, Bernice	Rose, Arline
Brennan, Martha (H.T.)	Johnson, Florence	Saile, Nancy
Brown, Carrie L.	Kapelus, Mary	Salvin, Anna
Bunt, Marian	Keglovits, Mary	Sattezahn, Helen L.
Calapa, Grace	Kieffer, Joyce	Sharp, Thelma
Campbell, Mary	Kirk, Evelyn	Sirianni, Lena
Capparell, Florence	Kirkley, Maud	Smith, Marjorie
Carichner, Nadine	Klos, Mary	Smith, Mary J.
Coleman, Mary	Knorr, Marjorie	Smithson, Sylvia
Collins, Jeannette	Kocher, Rachael	Snyder, Ann T.
Cooper, Angeline	Lennon, Claire	Sorber, Margaret
Cordaro, Josephine	Luchsinger, Beverly	Spitale, Josephine
Crosby, Sarah	MacLeod, Elizabeth (H.T.)	Stevens, Gwendolyn
Deraco, Catherine	McCullough, Elizabeth	Stevens, Mary
Dickerson, Viola	McCullough, Helen	Suracci, (Scratch) Antonia
Dreher, Dolores	McKenna, Margaret	Suracci, (Scratch) Mary
Dreisigmeyer, Anna	Malatesta, Joan	Thursby, Edith
Eberly, Raye	Manley, Alice	Titko, Elizabeth
Engle, Fay	Marconi, Frances	Toboleski, Josephine
Esher, Elsie	Mays, Ruth	Torcivia, Theresa
Eshleman, Grace	Miller, Elizabeth	Totino, Doris
Favinger, Marjorie	Miller, Elva Mae	Trexler, Shirley A.
Felicetti, Lillian	Muff, Mary	Van Doren, Mildred
Fern, Mary	Munma, Audrey	Waters, Mary J.
Frey, Florence	Nathaniel, Carrie	Weisenborn, Gladys
Gariffo, Josephine	Obest, Lillian	White, Catherine
Genthner, Esther E.	Omlor, Marian	Youorski, Kathryn

### BOYS

Alexander, William	Banks, Floyd	Breidenstine, Allen M.
Alksmant Leonard	Barkovich, Ferdinand	Brobst, Paul H.
Allen, James F.	Barrall, James E.	Brosz, Henry
Allwein, Herman	Barroll, Robert D.	Brown, Donald G.
Anderson, Herbert L.	Baum, James	Brown, Glenn
Argo, James	Bayliss, Harold H.	Brownstein, Robert
Atkins, Lynn	Beamsderfer, Sam	Burke, Nathan
Bailey, Dallas J.	Berger, Willard	Cameron, Joseph
Bailey, Richard	Bigger, Earl L., Jr.	Cariola, Michael (H.T.)
Bailor, Maurice	Boccelli, Patsy	Cevet, Dominick

Coleman, Robert  
 Cooper, Chester  
 Coursault, Thomas  
 Crea, Carmen  
 D'Allessandro, David  
 Davison, John S. J.  
 De Cicco, Harold  
 De Long, Theodore  
 DiGirolamo, Nello  
 Dilbeck, Buford F., Jr.  
 Dougherty, Robert  
 Dowd, John, Jr.  
 Dutko, Joseph  
 Eberwein, George T.  
 Edgerton, Arthur  
 Elder, Byron (H.T.)  
 Famiglietti, Joseph  
 Floray, Albert F.  
 Flowers, Alfred  
 Force, Russell  
 Foster, Herman  
 Frederickson, Edward  
 Gardner, William  
 Garnett, David F.  
 Garrett, Robert B.  
 Gaskill, Edward  
 Gillen, John  
 Glenn, Robert H.  
 Gohl, Robert  
 Good, Thomas  
 Greer, Robert  
 Groff, Lester A.  
 Haas, Douglas  
 Hall, Charles F.  
 Hall, Robert C.  
 Harris, Clyde  
 Hawrylko, Michael  
 Hayden, Donald  
 Heineman, Robert  
 Hess, Frank  
 Henry, Reginald  
 Hoffman, Willard A.

Hoke, G. Robert  
 Holloway, Clarence  
 Iannace, Joseph  
 Jones, Theodore  
 Jones, William James  
 Jopling, Ralph N.  
 Kapuchinski, John  
 Kerr, Jephtha H.  
 Kettell, George H.  
 Key, William  
 Kipp, Marvin  
 Kirklo, Edward  
 Kleposki, Raymond  
 Klopp, Clyde  
 Klose, William  
 Kormanski, Henry  
 Kozinski, Enoch  
 Krynik, Edward  
 Kulikauskas, Joseph  
 Laager, Edward J.  
 Lattiere, Frank  
 Link, Charles  
 Linsinbigler, Arthur  
 Lumley, Harry  
 Mammarella, Francis  
 McDonald, Frederick  
 McDonald, William  
 McDowell, Michael  
 McErn, William  
 Marcucci, George  
 Marcucci, Raymond  
 Meecham, William  
 Meixsell, Philip  
 Miller, Harry Taylor, Jr.  
 Miller, James Ivan  
 Mollica, Samuel  
 Morris, Neil, Jr.  
 Morris, Thomas  
 Ness, Myron  
 Nowaczyk, Norman  
 Nowaczyk, Stanley  
 Ober, Wayne

O'Neill, Edward  
 Parker, John  
 Parry, Austin  
 Perese, Anthony  
 Perry, Joseph  
 Plawa, Stanley P.  
 Pouncey, Samuel  
 Prettyman, James  
 Price, Roy  
 Quill, Edward  
 Quin, William  
 Reed, Vincent  
 Reigh, Eugene  
 Rogers, Jos. C., Jr.  
 Samworth, Charles  
 Schuckert, Carl  
 Segal, Arthur  
 Serafin, George  
 Sharff, Leon  
 Shaw, William  
 Shoemaker, George  
 Shott, Theodore  
 Siegfried, Ralph  
 Small, Richard  
 Smith, George  
 Sopke, Joseph  
 Stocker, Clifford  
 Stokes, Edward  
 Stonerod, Ralph  
 Strang, William  
 Sullivan, Joseph  
 Swoyer, Hugh  
 Thompson, Rudolph  
 Turioscy, John  
 Tusio, Philip  
 Walsh, Francis  
 Whitby, Thomas S.  
 Wild, Rosco  
 Winters, James J.  
 Wolfgang, James  
 Worthington, Joseph  
 Zazow, Alex



# Distribution of Pupils According to INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENTS

Total Enrollment, 1939-40

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
SUPERIOR					
Above 130 -----	1	4	5	1.8	
120 - 129 -----	6	4	10	3.7	
110 - 119 -----	16	13	29	10.7	16.2
AVERAGE					
100 - 109 -----	25	19	44	16.3	
90 - 99 -----	29	26	55	20.4	36.7
DULL					
80 - 89 -----	44(4)	21	65	24.1	24.1
BACKWARD					
70 - 79 -----	19(5)	19	38	14.1	14.1
PROBABLY F. M.					
Below 70 -----	11(3)	7	18	6.7	6.7
NOT TESTED					
	5	1	6	2.2	2.2
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	156(12)*	114	270	100.	100.

\*Number of students in ungraded class.

## Regular School, Ungraded Class Omitted

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
SUPERIOR -----	23	21	44	17.1
AVERAGE -----	54	45	99	38.4
DULL -----	40	21	61	23.6
BACKWARD -----	14	19	33	12.8
PROBABLY F. M. -----	8	7	15	5.8
NOT TESTED -----	5	1	6	2.3
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	144	114	258	100.0

# FORMER PUPILS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOLS, PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

September 1939—June 1940

## GIRLS

Name	Residence	Special Form of Education	Year
Deaver, Margaret K.	Peach Bottom, Pa.	Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia—Home Economics	Senior
Fill, Stella	Philadelphia	West Chester State Teachers' College, West Chester, Pa.	Freshman
Gorman, Theresa	Philadelphia	Temple University—Early Childhood Education	Senior*
Romanick, Louise	Philadelphia	Temple University—School of Physical Education	Junior
Sullivan, Elizabeth	Sayre, Pa.	Elmira College for Women, Elmira, N. Y.—Social Sciences	Senior

## BOYS

Allman, Robert	Philadelphia	University of Pennsylvania—Law School	Freshman
Anderson, Herbert	Laucaster, Pa.	Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster	Freshman
Brown, David	Upper Darby, Pa.	Temple University—School of Commerce	Sophomore
Caltagirone, Librande	Philadelphia	Temple University—School of Business Administration	Sophomore
Meade, Bertine	Phillipsburg, N. J.	Lafayette University, Easton, Pa.	Junior
Miller, P. Frank	Philadelphia	College of Osteopathy	Sophomore
Seaulon, William	Philadelphia	University of Pennsylvania—The College	Sophomore
Trimmer, Earl	York, Pa.	Temple University—Pre-Medical	Sophomore

\*Graduated in February, 1940.



## Acknowledgments

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We take this opportunity of acknowledging our indebtedness to the following for the kindnesses and courtesies extended to the school:

P. E. O. Sisterhood, for the toys and gifts to our children at Christmas.

Taylor School Faculty, for the gift of a Braille edition of the Reader's Digest for one year.

Emilie Krider Norris School, for the gift of \$105.00 to the school.

Beaver County Chapter, American Red Cross, for the gift of fifty-nine braille books.

Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross, for the box of toys sent to our children at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, for the box of clothing sent to our pupils.

Mrs. Henrietta Haage, for the fine piano sent to the school.

Mrs. Elsie Freihofer, for the gift of a ticket to a concert by the Sightless Recitalists.

Drexel Hill Junior Club, for the gift of a Braille subscription to the Reader's Digest to a former pupil suggested by the school.

Springfield Needlework Guild, for the contribution of clothing for the pupils.

Mrs. Harvey Jones, for the gift of thirty bushels of apples to the school.

Glen Ridge Chapter, American Red Cross, for the gift of fifty braille calendars.

Dr. James P. Hutchinson, for the four tickets to the Emilie Krider Norris play given for the benefit of the school.

Overbrook Lions Club, for the gift of thirty dollars with which to buy clothing for some of our needy boys.

Beta Sigma Sorority, for the gift of \$10.00, used as gifts for some of the children whose parents are in poor circumstances.

Olney Branch, Needlework Guild, for the gift of clothing to our pupils.

Mrs. Lydia Rogers Barber, for the gift of a Braille edition of the Reader's Digest for one year as an edition to our library.

Miss M. B. Folwell, for the gift of three costumes.

Mr. George S. Robbins, for the gift of five tickets to a concert by the Sightless Recitalists.

Mrs. Patrick E. Doyle, for the gift of a ticket to a concert by the Sightless Recitalists;

Mr. Donald Christ and Mr. Waldemar Dabrowski, for a musical program given for the pupils at morning assembly.

The Breen-McCracken Post No. 270 of the American Legion Auxiliary, for the gift of five pounds of Whitman's candy to the pupils in the Primary Building.

Mrs. Benjamin Golder, for the gift of a box of toys for our children in the Primary Department.

Miss Julia G. Haney, for the gift of six attractive large house plants.

"Some good friends" of the school, through Mr. H. Griffith Robbins, for twelve dresses and two blouses for members of the Girls' School.

Messrs. George Aeugle, Conrad J. Albrecht, M. J. Callahan, Sherman Swisher, for the beautiful flowers contributed to decorate the school on Overbrook Day.

Mrs. George S. Robbins, for two tickets to the Concert for the Blind.

Mrs. Oliver, of the American Red Cross, who was instrumental in getting a pound box of sweet chocolate from Whitman's (broken pieces) for each child.

Rodeph Sholam Synagogue, for nine dresses and two slips for our girls.

Miss Hilton, for the gift of a guitar for one of our boys.

Mr. Daniel Marcu, for the gift of five hundred dollars to the school to be used to purchase clothing for needy children.

Miss Cornelia Greenough, for the trip to the symphonietta concert for four of our pupils.

Mrs. Edward Bok, for "The Americanization of Edward Bok" in Braille.

Mrs. W. L. Perry, for the gift of two tickets to the concert by the Sightless Recitalists.

The Junior League of Philadelphia, for four tickets to the Philadelphia Orchestra for a Saturday evening.

Germantown Friends School, Lower School, for valentines in Braille for our pupils.

Miss Jennie Wilson's School, Second Grade, for valentines for our pupils.

Hathaway Shakespeare Club, for a gift subscription to the Braille Reader's Digest.

Mr. J. Ramsey Van Roden, for a contribution of a braille subscription to the Reader's Digest for one of our former pupils.

Fort Washington Branch of the Needlework Guild, for the generous donation of clothing.

Mrs. Johnson, for the gift of silk stockings to be used for weaving rugs.

Mrs. Mathilda Keller, for a contribution to the work of the school.

Mr. Ellis Gimbel—Entire School were his guests at Circus.



# COMMENCEMENT

One Hundred and Eighth Year

Friday, June 14, 1940

at 10:30 A.M.

## PROGRAM

### *Auditorium*

INVOCATION . . . . . *Rev. Francis S. J. Carberry*

QUARTET — Overture to Magic Flute . . . . . *Mozart*

Esther Genthner      Betty Miller

Helen Sattezahl      Catherine Deraco

AS YOU LIKE IT — Act I, Scene III . . . . . *Shakespeare*

Theresa Torcivia

CHORUS — Build thee more stately mansions . . . . . *Andrews*

ORGAN — Grand Choeur in B flat . . . . . *Dubois*

Catherine Deraco

VALEDICTORY . . . . . *Reginald Doggett Henry*

CHORUS — Omnipotence . . . . . *Schubert*

### Presentation of Diplomas and Announcement of Prizes

JAMES P. HUTCHINSON, M.D., *President*

SCHOOL SONG — “Overbrook” . . . . . THE SCHOOL

### GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1940

MARY HELEN BAMBER . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

CHESTER BRATSING COOPER . . . . . North Wales, Pa.

ROBERT CURTIS HALL . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

REGINALD DOGGETT HENRY . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.

LILLIAN MAGDALINE OBEST . . . . . Blackwood, N.J.

THERESA MARY TORCIVIA . . . . . Phillipsburg, N.J.

JAMES THOMAS WINTERS . . . . . Ashland, Pa.

## HOME TEACHERS' TRAINING COURSE

MARTHA LOUISE BRENNAN . . . . . Columbus, Ohio  
ELIZABETH ANN MACLEOD . . . . . Fairfield, Conn.

### CERTIFICATES

Piano Tuning . . . . . CARL SCHUCKERT . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.  
Music . . . . . STANLEY P. PLAWA . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.  
Vocational . . . . . JAMES JOSEPH DUTKO . . . . . Duryea, Pa.

Class Motto . . . . . Animo et fide  
Class Colors . . . . . Blue and White  
Class Gift to School . . . . . Pink Dogwood Tree

### CLASS OFFICERS

*President* . . . . . Reginald D. Henry  
*Vice-President* . . . . . Mary H. Bamber  
*Secretary* . . . . . James T. Winters  
*Treasurer* . . . . . Theresa M. Torcivia  
*Business Manager* . . . . . Chester B. Cooper

### PRIZES AND HONORS

J. FRANCIS FISHER PRIZES FOR SCHOLARSHIP  
Theresa M. Torcivia      Reginald D. Henry  
HARRISON PRIZES FOR INDUSTRIAL WORK  
Mary H. Bamber      Michael Hawrylko  
BROWN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH  
Marjorie Favinger  
BOYS' PRIZE FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH  
Nello DiGirolamo  
GIRLS' PRIZE FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH  
Lena Sirianni  
MARK G. DANFIELD MUSIC PRIZES  
Dorothy Jean Barnard      Edward Stokes  
Catherine Deraco      Gladys Weisenborn  
Nello DiGirolamo      Virginia Berger  
Raye Eberly      Lorraine Bogner  
Alta Marie Graver      Joyce Brandt  
Robert Curtis Hall      Harold DeCicco  
Claire Lennon      Jack Dowd  
William McDonald      Lillian Felicetti  
Elizabeth Miller      Ralph Jopling  
Catherine Presz      Henry Kormanski  
Helen Sattezahn      Joan Malatesta  
Leon Sharff      Therese Snyder  
HENRY GRIFFITH ROBBINS ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE  
Robert D. Barroll  
FLORENCE AND MORRIS KOHN MEMORIAL  
Mildred Van Doren      Fay Engle  
NEAL F. QUIMBY PRIZE  
Charles W. Strang



HEPLER BRAILLE PRIZES

Herman Allwein                      Carrie Nathaniel

GIRLS' BLAZER AWARD

Bernice Humm                      Olga Blaschack

WINNERS OF THE DECLAMATION CONTEST (Girls' School)

First Prize . . . . Marjorie Favinger

Second Prize . . . . Marjorie Hackett

Honorable Mention . Josephine Cordaro

JUDGE MARTIN CUP CONTEST

Boys' School . . . Ferdinand Barkovich

Girls' School . . Girls of Cottage "E"

J. CLARENCE ALEXANDER MEMORIAL CUP CONTEST

Leonard Alksmant

S. ANNIE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT PRIZE

Sarah J. Brandt                      Janice Bossert

S. ANNIE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PRIZES

John Turiosey                      Carrie Brown

WILLIAM B. LEAF MEMORIAL PRIZES

Chester Cooper                      Theresa Torcivia

**GRADUATED BY HIGH SCHOOLS:** The following have been graduated at schools near their homes:

STELLA FILL, Kensington High School, Diploma awarded February, 1940.

LILLIAN OBEST, Haddonfield High School, June, 1940.

WILLIAM SHARPE, Lambertville High School, June, 1940.

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATES:**

MARGARET DEAVER, Drexel Institute of Technology, B.S. in Home Economics, June, 1940.

THERESA GORMAN, Temple University, B.S. in Education, February, 1940.

ELIZABETH SULLIVAN, Elmira College, B.A., June, 1940.

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## **Proceedings of the One Hundred Ninth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers**

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The stated annual meeting of the members of The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind was held at 1305 Locust Street, Thursday, December 19, 1940 at 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Coles was elected Chairman and Mr. Cowgill was appointed Secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Nominations of officers to serve for the ensuing year were made and on motion the Secretary was unanimously instructed to cast one ballot for those nominated. The Secretary reported that he had cast the ballot as directed, and the Chairman declared the following persons duly elected:

# OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION

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## Patron

HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ARTHUR H. JAMES

## President

JAMES P. HUTCHINSON, M.D. (1894)

## Vice-Presidents

WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, M.D. (1913)	ARTHUR N. COLES (1922)
CHARLES J. BIDDLE, Esq. (1916)	NICHOLAS G. ROOSEVELT (1925)

## Secretary

PHILIP PRICE

(1934)

## Treasurer

ALLSTON JENKINS

(1930)

## Managers

HARRY W. HARRISON (1930)	EDWARD HOPKINSON, JR. (1937)
WINTHROP H. BATTLES (1934)	JAMES H. ROBINS (1937)
CHARLES P. STOKES (1934)	WILLIAM T. CARTER, II (1940)
EDMUND R. PURVES (1935)	SIDNEY F. TYLER (1940)*
C. TOWNSEND LUDINGTON (1935)	CHARLES J. YOUNG (1940)
JOHN FORBES GORDON (1941)	

## Consulting Physicians

JOHN H. GIBBON, M.D. (1925)	ARTHUR NEWLIN, M.D. (1928)
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\*Resigned May, 1941.

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# STANDING COMMITTEES

## Finance

CHARLES P. STOKES	PHILIP PRICE
ALLSTON JENKINS	EDWARD HOPKINSON, JR.
WINTHROP H. BATTLES	SIDNEY F. TYLER

## Instruction

WINTHROP H. BATTLES	JAMES H. ROBINS
WILLIAM H. JEFFERYS, M.D.	C. TOWNSEND LUDINGTON
HARRY W. HARRISON*	CHARLES J. YOUNG
JOHN F. GORDON	

## Household

HARRY W. HARRISON	CHARLES J. BIDDLE
NICHOLAS G. ROOSEVELT	ARTHUR N. COLES
ALLSTON JENKINS	WILLIAM T. CARTER, II

## Admission and Discharge

EDMUND R. PURVES

## City Office

EDMUND R. PURVES

JOHN FORBES GORDON

\*Resigned January 1941



# FACULTY AND STAFF OF THE SCHOOL

## Administrative Department

ALBERT G. COWGILL, A.B., B.S. . . . . *Principal*  
DOROTHY G. POWNALL . . . . . *Secretary to Principal*  
MARGARET R. COGGESHALL . . . . . *Assistant Secretary*  
GLADYS L. WEBBER (11-1-40 appointed Acting Steward) . . . . *Bookkeeper*  
MAE ANDERSON (10-28-40) . . . . . *Bookkeeper*

## Academic Department

NEAL F. QUIMBY, A.B., M.Ed., D.Ed. . . . *Boys' Principal Teacher—History*  
ETHEL K. ARTHUR, A.B., M.A. . . . . *Girls' Principal Teacher—History*  
EFFIE L. BULLARD . . . . . *Geography, Grammar, Spelling—Grades VI-IX*  
AIMEE BEALER CHARLTON . . . . *Speech Correction, Expression and Dramatics*  
\*FRANCIS J. CUMMINGS, Ph.D. . . . *English, French—Grade IX and Sr. H. S.*  
†\*HARRY J. DITZLER, B.A., F.A.G.O. . *Music, Ungraded Classes—Dir., Swing Band*  
†\*ELWOOD M. GOVAN, B.S. . . . . *Latin and Arithmetic—Special Classes*  
BEATRICE E. HARVEY, A.B. . . . . *Orthogenic Backward*  
WM. L. HOFFMAN, JR., B.S. . . . . *Science and Gardening—Grades VII-XII*  
†GERTRUDE C. JAMES . . . . . *Commercial Subjects*  
AUDREY D. KEENE . . . . . *Grade IV—Girls*  
JOSEPHINE LOCICERO, A.B. . . . . *Clay Modeling—Grade V—Boys*  
†SARAH V. LONG, A.B. . . . . *Commercial Subjects*  
NEALE L. MAXWELL . . . . . *Grade IV—Boys*  
CONSTANCE MOREY . . . . . *Mathematics—Grade V thru Sr. H. S.*  
MARY JANE MYERS, A.B. . . . . *English, Latin, Spelling—Grades VII-XI*  
ELIZABETH POLLITT NUSS, B.S. . . . . *Grade III—Boys and Girls*  
IDA E. PRICE . . . . . *Grade V—Girls*  
\*ANNE V. WARD, A.B. . . . . *Teacher of Braille—Special Classes*

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CHARLOTTE K. DUDDY . . . . . *Principal Teacher and First Grade*  
\*ANNA K. HARTMAN . . . . . *Second Grade*  
ANNE WHITTELSEY, Litt.B. (to 11-6-40) . . . . . *Kindergarten*  
ANN MARY ANGLIN, B.S. (from 11-6-40) . . . . . *Kindergarten*

## Physical Education Department

†NEAL F. QUIMBY, B.S., M.Ed., D.Ed. . . . . *Director, Boys' School*  
FLORA E. TWAITS, B.S. . . . . *Director, Girls' School*  
\*ALLEN COX, B.S. (to 11-2-40) . . . . . *Assistant, Boys' School*  
CHARLES F. BOHLINGER, JR., B.S. (from 11-2-40) . . . *Assistant, Boys' School*

## Music Department

†RALPH P. LEWARS, A.B., Mus.D. . . . *Principal Teacher—Piano, Organ, Theory*  
ELSIE E. BRUGGEMANN . . . . . *Piano*  
EMILIE P. HAHN . . . . . *Eurythmics, Piano*  
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†EDWARD GARRETT . . . . . *Voice*  
†EDYTHE MORRIS . . . . . *Librarian*  
\*WILLIAM A. CURRLIN . . . . . *Tuning and Tuning Instructor*

\*Visually handicaped

†Part-time

Manual Arts Department

NATALIE RUTH . . . . .	Home Economics, Sewing
*MARGARET DEAVER, B.S. . . . .	Sewing, Basketry, Crocheting
†*ELWOOD M. GOVAN, B.S. . . . .	Basketry and Netting—Boys' School
*HERBERT HARTUNG . . . . .	Caning, Brushmaking, Leatherwork, Door-mats—Boys' School
*AUGUSTA HORNER . . . . .	Caning—Girls' School
ROMULUS LEONARDO, B.S . . . . .	Woodwork, Metalwork
*AGNES LOCUSON . . . . .	Weaving, Knitting—Girls' School

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*JOHN D. FORBES . . . . .	Librarian, Braille Library
SAMUEL NORMAN . . . . .	Stereotyper
†*IDA E. PRICE . . . . .	Finger Proof Reader

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†SAMUEL P. HAYES, Ph.D. . . . .	Director
†RUTH F. SARGENT, A.B. . . . .	Assistant

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†O. H. BURRITT, D.Sc. . . . .	Lectures
†*C. MARION KOHN . . . . .	Supervisor, Case Work Program
†RUTH F. SARGENT, A.B. . . . .	Supervisor, Field Practice

Household Department

EDWARD P. SIMMONDS (Indefinite leave of absence from 11-1-40) . . . .	Steward
GLADYS L. WEBBER (from 11-1-40) . . . . .	Acting Steward
KATHERINE D. HOLCOMB . . . . .	Matron
ELIZABETH CHRISTENSEN . . . . .	Food Administrator

Housemothers

GIRLS		BOYS	
IZORA ROUSH -----	Cottage D	FRANCES B. HAINS -----	Cottage C
HAZEL A. BOWER (to 11-9-40)     "	E	EFFIE M. MOLAN -----	"     B
ANNE BRADLEY (from 1-3-41)     "	E	HELEN MCCURDY -----	"     A
MARIE THOMSON -----	F		
Primary Building			
ALFA STONE (to 11-19-40)		JEANETTE ZERMAN	
NONA MCQUOWN (from 1-3-41)			
MATTIE G. BERRY . . . . .	Relief Housemother and Assistant Nurse		
CELIA QUIMBY . . . . .	Housemother, Senior Cottage and Co-ordinator of Volunteer Readers		

Health Department

WILLIAM DRAYTON, JR., M.D. . . . .	} Physicians
FRANCIS W. SINKLER, M.D. . . . .	
WILFRED E. FRY, M.D. . . . .	Ophthalmologist
WILLIAM HEWSON, M.D. . . . .	Laryngologist
CARROLL S. WRIGHT, M.D. . . . .	Dermatologist
ELLISON BARNARD WEAVER, D.D.S. . . . .	Dentist
EDITH WOODWARD, R.N. . . . .	Nurse

Telephone Operators

- \*MAE DAVIDOW
- \*AGNES LOCUSON
- \*AUGUSTA HORNER
- \*JOHN FORBES

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1305 Locust Street	
*O. E. DAY . . . . .	Placement Officer (9-1-40)
SARAH MCDAIDE . . . . .	Secretary (9-24-40)
†Part-time	
*Visually handicapped	

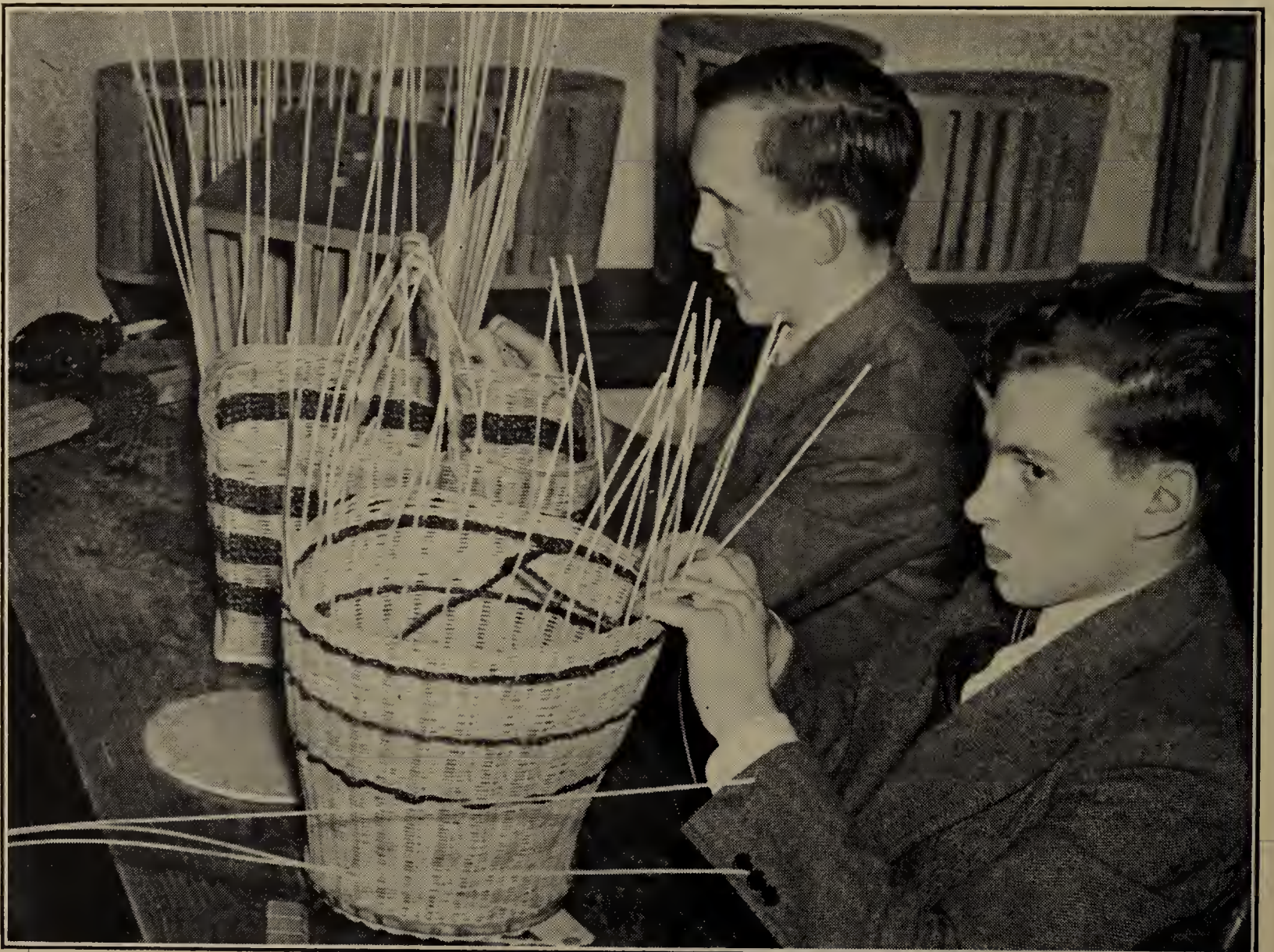








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**Annual Report of the Board of Managers**  
**to the**  
**Members of the Association and to the Legislature**

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In September, 1926, we began to raise funds for the reconstruction of the old Hospital Building, which housed our older boys—particularly those who were attending colleges and universities and living here. The quarters we were able to give them were woefully inadequate, but they made the best of the situation while they were getting their schooling.

November 22, 1940, marked the beginning of work on the new Senior Cottage. The old building was torn down in part, the interior remodeled, and new sections added to make it considerably larger. It will be completed in time for the opening of school in September, 1941.

This is the first new building added to our original group since the construction of Overbrook in 1899. This new addition conforms to the architecture of the main building, but is to be equipped with every modern convenience and will have very appropriate and comfortable furnishings.

It is planned that twenty of the oldest boys, two supervisors and three employes will live in the Senior Cottage—a unit just large enough so that a family atmosphere can prevail, and so that each boy can receive the individual attention necessary to train him socially to become a worthy member of society.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all our many friends who contributed to the “New Building Fund” which enabled us to fulfill this long-felt need for housing this group of older boys.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. HUTCHINSON  
*President.*

# Annual Report of the Principal to the Board of Managers

GENTLEMEN :

The following paragraphs have been written with two things in mind—first, endeavoring to present a clear picture of the high lights of the school year 1940-41; second, the recording of events of importance not only to ourselves but to those in other schools for the blind, and organizations allied in school and social service work of various kinds. In doing this we have a permanent record of how we are doing our job of educating the children and youths who come to us with seriously defective vision or totally blind.

School began with regular classwork on Wednesday, September 11th and closed on Friday, June 13th with Commencement. The year was a busy one.

**Health:** During the school year we had quite an epidemic of Grippe, or "flu." Not only pupils but teachers were sent up to the infirmary, with the peak in January, when there were 253 days infirmary service for the pupils. We also had our quota of chickenpox and mumps, but nothing more serious in the way of infectious diseases developed. Our doctors made the usual routine examinations of new pupils and recorded their findings; dispensary work was carried on all year for the treatment of minor cases of all kinds; tonsillectomies were performed at the Memorial Hospital in Roxborough where it was recommended by our physicians. The dentist carried on his work of caring for our pupils' teeth, which often show signs of neglect due to improper care.

Altogether, we feel that our staff of physicians do an excellent job in their share of the work of making and keeping our pupils healthy.

**The School Plant:** Our chief concern for the last three years has been to bring about within the school plant, a degree of cleanliness and order approximating that of the buildings after the moving from the old school at Race Street, as described in the Annual Report published at that time. (1900). We have been very fortunate in being able to secure during the past year, by reason of our tie-up with the State Department of Public Assistance, the services of D.P.A. workers. Without these extra men, the cleaning, painting, repairing and wall-washing would have been utterly impossible to the extent that it has been carried on.

We have concentrated on this reconstruction program as hard as possible while these men are still available, for with the change of industrial conditions, it is very unlikely that these men will be available much longer. The present plan is to utilize cement workers to patch and repair cement work wherever it is needed, particularly the outer wall of the swimming pool and the lower levels of the cloister garden walls.



During the past year our bowling alley, which was badly in need of repair, was resurfaced and completely modernized, making a fine-looking alley and one which will be used much more than formerly. Half the expense of improving the alley was met by the Athletic Association. (see Instr. Com. report—by whom used and how many).

**Our New Senior Cottage:** On November 22, 1940, work was begun on the old Hospital Building, which will turn it into the new Senior Cottage. The work involved will continue on into the summer of 1941, since the old building will have been torn down in some places and the whole inside remodeled, along with the new construction which will make it considerably larger, to house our group of older boys. We are now to realize the culmination of about fifteen years of hoping, planning and arranging. The building as it is taking form is even nicer than we had anticipated. After it is completed and furnished appropriately and comfortably we expect to have an exceptionally fine building.

The idea of this cottage is that it will house twenty of the oldest boys, two supervisors and three employees. A group of this size is, we feel, not too large to handle as a family unit; we want each boy to get the full benefit of this arrangement, so that he may take his place as a useful and worthy member of society.

The new building conforms to the architecture of the main building, but there the comparison must cease, because after a lapse of forty years, the modern fittings of the Senior Cottage will contrast drastically with those of the Main Building, into which the school moved in 1899, from 20th and Race Streets. At that time our buildings were considered the finest of their kind, for the work of educating the blind.

A brief summary of the floor plans of the new Senior Cottage:

#### **GROUND FLOOR**

Boy Scout Room—Equipped with knotty pine benches, tables and desk.  
A fireplace with wrought iron fireplace equipment.

Recreation Room—Equipped with hickory furniture, ping-pong table and a small bowling alley (a gift from Griffith Robbins, a graduate of the school), Chinese checker board, 2 card tables, a fireplace with wrought iron fireplace equipment.

Storage Room —For suitcases and trunks.

Lavatory —This contains in addition to 5 wash-stands and toilet facilities, a laundry tub, 2 recessed ironing boards and 2 stationary shoe stands for polishing shoes.

#### **FIRST FLOOR**

Dinette (for employees).

Bedrooms (2 for employees).

Kitchen: Equipped with stainless steel sinks and cabinet tops, an electric refrigerator with water cooling unit.

Dining-room: 30 person capacity, equipped with five 48-inch round maple tables and two serving tables.

Reception Hall.

Boys' living room.

Reading rooms—4.

Lavatory and coat closet for visitors.

A suite of rooms consisting of 2 bedrooms, living-room, small work-room and bath (for the supervisors).

## SECOND FLOOR

Ten bedrooms—each to accommodate two boys, furnished with two metal maple beds, two maple chests of drawers, two maple chairs and two closets, arranged for hats, clothing and shoes.

Two bathrooms—each equipped with 5 wash-stands, two toilets, ten lockers and three showers.

One bathtub room.

Guest room and bath.

Linen room.

We are anticipating the completion of the Senior Cottage with the greatest impatience. After waiting so long for it, even the few months of construction work seem to last for ages.

### Purchase of a Recording Machine:

Much thought and effort were expended upon the purchase of a recording machine to be used by the Music and Dramatic Departments, the Music Department to make recordings to be filed and used from year to year for comparison and reference; the Dramatic students likewise, and for those with speech defects the value is immeasurable since the recordings show clearly the lisping or twisting or mispronunciation, and later records show the progress and improvement.

The machine we secured is an R.C.A. Portable Recorder with velocity microphone, earphones and an adaptor to use with our own stand.

### Fire Sirens:

This year marked the installation of fire sirens; fire-drills following a carefully worked-out program are held as seem necessary. A recently installed spiral fire chute at the Primary Building has been proven most satisfactory for the small children.

### Gardening at Overbrook:

To fill the gap in the vocational work since the poultry plant was not used this year, it was decided to experiment with a small garden—mostly vegetables. Ground directly west of the poultry plant was plowed and leveled. Mr. Hoffman, the science teacher, assisted by Miss Harvey, teacher of the special grade, were in charge of this experiment, directing the laying-out of small gardens for individual boys.

Grades VI, VII, VIII, IX and Special had the delightful experience of harvesting their crop before school closed; these youngsters as well as their teachers learned the tonic effect of gardening on mind, body and spirit, and we shall not forego this cheapest form of health insurance in our outdoor plans and schedules next year.

Of course, this ground was immediately replowed and planted by the regular gardener and his reinforced D.P.A. garden force, at the close of school and yielded an abundance of tomatoes, sweet corn, string beans, beets and lettuce. This garden was in addition to one planted at the same time as the pupils planted theirs, so that the yield has been good.



**Instruction in Pottery  
Making:**

This spring we initiated an experiment in the instruction of our pupils in pottery making, by employing an experienced teacher of industrial arts on a part-time basis.

The course was planned to serve two purposes—provide another means of form study, always so necessary with the blind; and in time produce useful articles—a new vocation. The initiation of this work is the most difficult step and the best-trained individual is usually the most skilled in presenting any subject in its rudimentary stages, hence the employment of a skilled instructor.

At the end of the trial period it seemed that this pottery experiment was successful and provision has been made for its continuation next year.

**The Pillow-Case Project:**

In September, 1940, the Philadelphia Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind inaugurated a pillow-case project in a building at 338 S. Camac Street. There have been employed six blind girls, two physically handicapped girls from the Shut-In Society, with two seeing inspectors, one of whom is a graduate of the School for the Deaf in Mount Airy.

In this period there have been made and shipped 91,228 pillow cases, of which only ten were rejected. The shop is now running full time on orders totalling 64,000 through next June 30th. The average pay per week (five days) is better than ten dollars, while one totally blind girl earns around nineteen dollars a week.

**Girls' Athletic Activities:** Seventeen girls from the fourth through the tenth grades took part in the gymnastic presentation given during the Week for the Blind (March 3rd to 7th inclusive). Their demonstrations were given Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening. It included two tap dances, two folk dances and mat work (tumbling).

In the spring the girls were extremely busy practicing for the track meet, apparatus meet and dance contest on May Day. Every girl participated in each event. The apparatus meet included exercises on the horse, stall bars, horizontal bar and rings; rope climbing and mat work. They also staged a swimming demonstration on Overbrook Day.

**Girls' Dancing Club:** The following report on the Girls' Dancing Club, by the teacher in charge, Mrs. Keene, indicates the general good such clubs are for our girls.

This year, for the first time, the girls in dance practice were divided into cottage groups, with separate practice nights. They were very enthusiastic; those who didn't know how to dance were helped by those who did. By the end of the year there was a big improvement in even the poorest dancers.

The practice periods were one hour and fifteen minutes of practically continuous dancing, the girls going from one record to another, and occasionally having a "tag" dance, wherein a few left on the sidelines tagged or broke in on the dancing couples. Some of the teachers came in occasionally, one or two quite faithfully, adding to the enjoyment of these periods.

An annual dance on February 14th was very successful, although the time of year made it difficult to secure young men on account of college examinations and other school exams at the time.

The benefit of longer practice periods, instead of two short ones, and the separation of the older and younger group, made for much better results in both groups this year, and the arrangement will undoubtedly be continued.

**Boys' Athletic Association:** Our Athletic Association is a live organization of boys. The dues are forty-five cents a year each, but they put much energy into selling tickets for the Spring Play, (given each year just before the spring vacation) which is the only affair to which admission is charged. The play is put on by the Philodrama Society and the greater part of the proceeds is for the Athletic Association treasury.

From this fund is met the expense of the teams' visits to other schools, the coach being the only one whose expenses are met by the School. We are proud that this organization is in such excellent shape as to be able to pay for trips called for by the wrestling and track schedules.

**Wrestling at Overbrook:** At the end of the wrestling season this year, on February 18th, our score presented eight straight wins, with one lost match and one tie.

The early prospects for this year were not very promising, as graduations and discharges of last June left vacancies to be filled in the 95, 105, 115 and 125 pound classes. Cooper, undefeated for six years; Raymond Marcucci, undefeated for three years; and George Marcucci, undefeated for one year, were hard to replace. Kerr, who lost only one match last season, was lost to the team this year, due to a wrenched knee. We had no candidates for the 165 lb. class.

In the first meet of the season Overbrook lost to a strong Lower Merion High squad, but the following week, pulled through with a tie at Upper Merion.

The schedule was as follows:

Date	Opposing Team	Overbrook	Opponents
Dec. 5	Lower Merion H. S. ----	13	21
Dec. 13	Upper Merion H. S. -----	14	14
Jan. 21	Bensalem H.S. -----	29	8
Jan. 24	St. Andrew's School ----	26	14
Jan. 27	Tome School -----	33	5
Feb. 1	N. Y. Inst. for Blind ---	12	11
Feb. 7	West Chester T. C. (Jr.) -	23	3
Feb. 12	Glassboro -----	29	3
Feb. 15	Maryland School for Blind	14	11
Feb. 18	Penn Charter School ----	24	11

Several of our boys have taken second and third places in the Junior championships of the Middle Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union. Last year Fred Barkovich took a first place after winning over representatives from the U. of P., Temple, Haverford and Central Y.M.C.A. Fred had five years with an unbeaten record.



**Home Teacher Training  
Course:**

This course seems to be assuming a more important place in the field of education of the blind, and it seemed advisable to bring its organization to a more efficient head. In order to accomplish this, Miss Sarah V. Long, head of the Commercial Department, was asked to assume the responsibility for its administration and guiding hand. A leaflet setting forth the aims and purposes of this course, with all necessary details outlined, was prepared. The teaching set-up, under this organization, is as follows:

SARAH V. LONG, A.B., Supervisor and Administrator of the Home Teacher Training Course.

O. H. BURRITT, D.Sc., Principal, Penna. Inst. for the Blind, 1907-1936, responsibility for all lectures in connection with the course at Overbrook, and aiding in many ways in carrying out the program.

C. MARION KOHN, Class of 1904, Graduate of the Penna. School of Social Work. Consultant on the Visually Handicapped, Dept. of Public Assistance, Phila. County, continues as supervisor of case work program.

RUTH F. SARGENT, A.B., Secretary of the Penna. Home Teaching Society, supervisor of field practice in Home Teaching.

This year there were two students in the second year of the course who graduated in June, 1941—Michael Cariola and Byron Elder. Miss Sarah Suwal of Dallas, Texas and Miss Adrianna Dykstra, of Rhode Island, took their first year's work. Miss Helen Kaploniak, a graduate of this school and the New Jersey College for Women, and a full year's employment experience, is taking the regular two-year course at the Pennsylvania School of Social Work. Miss Kaploniak lived at the school this first year, taking advantage of the Home Teacher organization, but taking all courses at 311 S. Juniper Street, the School of Social Work.

**Pioneer Work of a School  
Graduate:**

In many broadcasts this year there has been mention of Thailand, (Tieland) and for some time we have been hearing from an energetic, altruistic, resourceful graduate of this school, Miss Genevieve Caulfield, who has pioneered in work for the blind in that country. Miss Caulfield taught in Japan for a number of years, and while there learned that absolutely nothing is known about teaching the blind in Siam or Thailand. She became possessed of an everlasting concern over this condition and returned to this country to raise funds for the undertaking she had voluntarily assumed. In the face of tremendous obstacles, a small sum was raised which Miss Caulfield deemed sufficient to make a start, and with her Japanese adopted daughter (Haruko) who had studied the teaching of handicrafts while in this country, and weaving especially as taught to the blind at Overbrook, Miss Caulfield started for that distant land.

Her letters have told of the tremendous difficulties encountered there, but in October, 1940, we received a small paper-backed pamphlet, the "First Annual Report of the Director of the Bangkok School for the Blind, to the Committee of the Foundation for the Welfare and Education of the Blind in Thailand." What an achievement!

Miss Caulfield, herself blind, and a graduate of Overbrook, is the Friedlander of Siam.

**Visit of the School Nurses of Eastern Pennsylvania:** At the suggestion of Dr. Newland, Chief, Special Education, Department of Public Instruction, the public school nurses of the counties from which our Pennsylvania pupils come, were invited to spend a day at the school. About ninety came and were shown the regular program of the school. This visit served two purposes—to emphasize the fact that this school exists for the purpose of supplying education to the children of Pennsylvania who have defective vision or are blind, and to suggest the processes necessary for enrollment.

Dr. Newland realizes that the school nurse would be the person to observe cases of defective vision in the public schools, who may be struggling to maintain their status in a class in a seeing school and might otherwise receive little or no attention. This is especially true in the rural districts. Never have we had such an understanding and appreciative group of women; it was a purpose well served.

**The Women's Auxiliary:** The Women's Auxiliary held their third annual card party in the girls' cloister on June 5th, and it was well attended. This Auxiliary in the two years of its existence has refurnished the sitting-rooms of two cottages and the teachers' reception room. With the money made at this last card party, and what they had in the bank, they refurnished the living-room of Cottage "E" and added materially to the equipment of the Home Economics Cottage. This hard-working group of women deserve much commendation for their tireless efforts to improve the appearance of our cottages.

**Volunteer Reading:** Here at Overbrook, during the past year, our list of volunteer readers has been made up from members of the following organizations:

National Council of Jewish Women.

Bryn Mawr College.

Junior League of Philadelphia.

National Youth Administration (Student Aid at Univ. of Penna.)

Visiting Housekeepers' Association.

One reader recommended by the American Red Cross.

Individuals not connected with any of the above organizations.

With these sources to draw from, schedules are worked out and regular reading hours assigned. The reader and student meet at an appointed place and hour, thus avoiding confusion, loss of time, and disappointment. This past year the following number of students and teachers had regular reading hours:

3 students at the Univ. of Penna.—	53½	hours of reading per week
3     "     " Temple University —	48	"     "     "     "     "
4     "     taking Home Teacher		
Training Course —	41	"     "     "     "     "
4 teachers at Overbrook —	6	"     "     "     "     "

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14 individuals receive approximately 148½ hours of reading per week



Were it not for the services of these volunteer readers, the graduates of Overbrook who go on to colleges, universities, high schools and other similar institutions, would have much more difficulty in completing their courses. We feel that this service, which has been so dependable and satisfactory, is a real asset to our school.

**Tribute to Dr. Edward Ellis Allen:** On Wednesday evening, January 29, 1941, a program in commemoration of fifty years of service to the blind in this country was given in honor of Edward Ellis Allen, D.Sc., in the auditorium of the school. The Principal presided; Dr. Rollo F. Maitland, a graduate of the school, played the organ. Vignettes of Dr. Allen, prepared by his former teachers and pupils, compiled by Misses Kohn, Price and Ward, were read by Miss Ida E. Price, a former pupil of Overbrook, with remarks by Mrs. Jessie Royer Greaves. The pupils presented a choral number, followed by an address by Dr. Burritt, our Principal from 1907 to 1936, which gave us a very comprehensive and interesting history of Dr. Allen's life from childhood to the present time.

Mr. Winthrop H. Battles, representing our Board of Managers, presented a bas-relief of Dr. Allen, in bronze, with the following words:

“Mr. Cowgill, members of the staff and students of Overbrook, it is a pleasant duty to present this plaque in honor of Dr. Edward Ellis Allen to the school on behalf of the Board of Managers. It is neither possible nor fitting for me to review with praise the great work of Dr. Allen for the blind. My father and he were close friends. It should be known that his foresight created the form of the school at Overbrook. That was over forty years ago. Every day the result of that wisdom is enjoyed by the staff and the students. The school buildings today are in the exact form planned and executed by him and the Board of Managers. Dr. Allen, we are greatly indebted to you, and it is a privilege to present to the school a bas-relief of you, as our tribute, to be placed here in the auditorium, as a constant welcome. To quote from First Kings, Chapter VIII—‘There hath not failed one word of his good promise.’ ”

The Principal, in his speech of acceptance, said:

“It is an honor and a privilege to accept this portrait bas-relief on behalf of the entire Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind—its faculty and staff, and its student body, and its graduates.

“Appreciation is due those who made the portrait possible—the Board of Managers, the Alumnae and Alumni and friends, and by no means least, Miss Bashka Paeff, the capable artist, who did more than merely execute a commission—she put loving appreciation of her subject into her skilled fingers.

“For many of us here present, the portrait of Dr. Allen will hang upon the walls of memory, but for oncoming generations at Overbrook, this bronze will remain as a reminder of loving and faithful service to a cause.”

Dr. Allen responded, and the program closed with Dr. Rollo F. Maitland at the organ with an improvisation on a theme given by Dr. Allen.

Although a ceremony essentially simple, the presentation of the bronze portrait was more than a gift—it marked the passage of fifty years in the life of Dr. Allen for the cause of the blind in this country.

Dr. Allen's response is given in full in the May, 1941 issue of The Teachers Forum.

**Changes in the Staff:** MISS MABEL COLVIN, an exceedingly competent graduate of the school, and teacher of sewing since 1908 (32 years) retired in June, 1940 on age. Miss Colvin was a well-loved and respected teacher, thoroughly competent and a member of the staff who will be greatly missed. Her wittiness and humor, charming personality and interest in matters pertaining to world affairs, in addition to her interested, devoted, capable and loyal service, made her a valuable addition to the life of the school.

MRS. MARTHA PFLEGER GOODMAN, our girls' physical education instructor, resigned after teaching here since September, 1937. She is an exceedingly competent teacher who will be missed.

MR. DAVID GOODMAN, teacher of Science and Mathematics from September, 1937, resigned to accept another position. His intellectual ability was of the highest order, and combined with his other excellent qualities, made him a person hard to replace.

MISS S. GERTRUDE REESS, for forty-two years connected with the Music Department, of recent years the teacher of piano and chorus to the younger children, retired in June, 1940. Miss Reess always rendered an interested service and gave us a fine example of steadfast devotion to one cause—a fine symbol of the School and its work. We will miss her greatly.

MRS. RUTH MASLOW LEWIS, our competent teacher of the ungraded group, resigned in July, to take another position, after two years here in which she proved herself extremely competent.

MISS DOROTHY HARTMAN, excellent teacher of Grade III, boys and girls, resigned just before school opened, to return to public school teaching.

MISS ANNE WHITTELSEY, teacher of the youngest group of the Primary Department, resigned to take another position in the nursery school field, after two years here in which she demonstrated fine teaching ability.

MRS. HANNAH GORDON, housemother of Cottage "E," retired last June after 22 years of devoted service to the youngsters in her care. The many girls who lived in her cottage during their years at school remember her as a wise and thoughtful person, genuinely devoted to her charges and unremitting in her work for their welfare.

MISS HARRIET CRAWFORD, housemother in the Primary Department since 1929, sent in her resignation in July, 1940. Her tireless energy and devotion to the children will make it difficult to replace her.

ALEXANDER SLATTERY, our messenger and all-round assistant, retired in July, 1940. Alex was the oldest employe in point of service, having served the school faithfully since 1912, was a reliable and efficient worker; he first came to us as a pupil in 1892.

MAJOR EDWARD P. SIMMONDS, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, was ordered on active duty on November 7, 1940. Mr. Simmonds served



as our Steward for nineteen years. He was granted an indefinite leave of absence.

DR. E. BARNARD WEAVER, the School's dentist, has been called for a year's service with the army. He asked for a year's leave of absence.

MISS SARAH V. LONG, our very competent teacher of typewriting and commercial subjects, was persuaded to forego these classes and take charge of the Home Teachers in Training. In addition, Miss Long kept some of her typewriting classes.

MISS MARGARET DEEVER, graduate of Overbrook and Friends' Central 1936, Drexel Institute 1940, (B.S. in Home Economics), succeeded as teacher of Manual Arts in Miss Colvin's place. Margaret is a most loyal, charming and competent young lady. In addition to her work in the Manual Department she can gradually take over the theory and practice of Home Economics, and will help in the program of the Home Teacher Training Course.

MISS EDYTHE MORRIS, who graduated from Overbrook in 1915 and received her Music diploma in 1916, started as Music Librarian here in the winter of 1939-40 as an experiment. She was so successful and the Music Department operated with so much greater efficiency that she was continued in this work during the past year, part-time.

MISS FLORA TWAITS, of Hollis, New York, a graduate of the Savage School for Physical Education, was appointed girls' physical instructor. She had her B.S. in Education in June, 1940, at Temple University.

MR. WILLIAM L. HOFFMAN, JR., graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy and Stroudsburg State Teachers College, 1937, was appointed teacher of Science and Mathematics.

MISS EMILIE HAHN, an outstanding teacher at the New York Institute for the Blind (13 years) where she taught eurythmics, elements of music, chorus and piano, and a member of the staff of the Juillard Foundation for three years, was selected to succeed Miss Reess.

MR. CHARLES G. BOHLINGER, JR., a graduate of the 1938 class of Springfield College, was selected to serve as boys' physical instructor this year, so that Dr. Quimby might be free to devote more time to his work as Principal Teacher.

MRS. GERTRUDE CRAIG JAMES, excellent teacher of commercial subjects, this last year took over the classes Miss Long gave up in order to take charge of the Home Teachers' Training group.

MISS BEATRICE ELIZABETH HARVEY succeeded Mrs. Lewis as instructor of the ungraded group. She received her A.B. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1938; has worked in the Graduate School, Department of Psychology, and taught Orthogenic Backward Children.

MISS ELIZABETH P. NUSS, who has her B.S. in Education from Temple University, was appointed teacher of Grade III, boys and girls.

MISS ANN MARY ANGLIN, graduate of the Illman-Carter unit, University of Pennsylvania, succeeded Miss Whittelsey at the Primary Building.

MISS ANNE MCFARLAND BRADLEY, of Harrisburg, was appointed housemother of Cottage "E."

MRS. NONA McQUOWN, of York, Pennsylvania, came in Miss Crawford's place at the Primary Building.

JESSE AMADIO, Overbrook pupil from 1920 to 1933, succeeded Alexander Slattery as messenger.

JAMES F. CRANE, formerly night watchman, was promoted to custodian of grounds and buildings after Major Simmonds left.

MRS. GLADYS L. WEBBER, bookkeeper, was appointed Acting Steward during Major Simmonds' absence.

MISS MAY V. ANDERSON was employed to assume the duties of bookkeeper in Mrs. Webber's place.

DR. MICHAEL BUDNEY, Temple University 1935, was appointed to succeed Dr. Weaver as school dentist.

## One Hundred and Ninth Commencement

For the first time in many years we had rain on Commencement Day, but the auditorium was filled with interested friends and parents and relatives of the pupils, nevertheless.

The graduating class this year was one of the largest and best balanced in many years. Dr. James P. Hutchinson, President of our Board of Managers, addressed them briefly, and introduced Dr. Edward E. Allen, former Principal, who gave his usual inspiring talk and then handed diplomas to the following:

### Academic Diplomas

FERDINAND EDWARD BARKOVICH	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
ELSIE DOROTHEA ESHER	Philadelphia
MARJORIE AMY FAVINGER	Glen Riddle, Pa.
RUSSELL ALLEN FORCE	Clifton Heights, Pa.
MARGARET RUTH GLICK	Lancaster, Pa.
CHARLES FORD HALL	East Springfield, Pa.
CLAIRE PATRICIA LENNON	Philadelphia
GRACE ELIZABETH MILLER	Philadelphia
EUGENE N. REIGH	Allentown, Pa.
HELEN LOUISE SATTEZAHN	Lebanon, Pa.

### Vocational Certificates

FERDINAND EDWARD BARKOVICH	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
SARAH JANE BRANDT	Philadelphia
EUGENE N. REIGH	Allentown, Pa.

### Home Teachers' Training Course

MICHAEL CARIOLA	Philadelphia
BYRON ELDER	Picture Rocks, Pa.

### High School Graduate

MARJORIE AMY FAVINGER	Media High School
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### Higher Education

LOUISE ROMANICK	Temple University	B.S. in Education
JOSEPH KULIKAUSKAS	Bucknell Junior College	
LIBRANDE CALTIGIRONE	Temple University	B.S., Business Course preliminary to Law

Those receiving the academic diploma have finished the regular high school course. Three are going to college—Charles Hall to Penn State (of which his father is an alumnus); Marjorie Favinger to Temple University, and Ferdinand Barkovich to the University of Pennsylvania.



Through his wrestling activities Ferdinand has won the interest of Mr. Bishop, Associate Professor of Physical Education at the University, who recommended Ferdinand for the course in Physical Education.

Margaret Glick and Helen Sattetzahn are each enrolled in the high schools nearest their respective homes, after which they hope to go on to college, as both girls are college material.

Elsie Esher will remain at home to keep house, permitting her mother to work. Russell Force plans to stay at home and organize a magazine subscription agency in his vicinity. Claire Lennon and Elizabeth Miller will return to school, Claire to specialize in music, Elizabeth in handwork.

With Commencement and Alumnae-Alumni activities, there was brought to a close another year of successful work. There has existed throughout the year an excellent spirit among both pupils and staff which has made possible the success attained.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT G. COWGILL,  
*Principal.*

# SCHOOL CURRICULUM

## Grade I (Primary Department)

Reading  
Writing  
Arithmetic  
Spelling  
Story Telling and English  
(Speech Correction)  
Nature Study  
History, Civics and Health Stories  
Dramatization  
Music (Singing)  
Rhythm Band  
Manual Arts  
Rhythm and Games

## Grade II (Primary Department)

Reading  
Writing  
Arithmetic  
Spelling  
English (Speech Correction)  
Nature Study  
History, Civics and Health Stories  
Dramatization  
Music (Singing)  
Rhythm Band  
Manual Arts  
Rhythm and Games

## Grade III

Arithmetic  
Language  
Nature Study  
Physical Expression  
Reading  
Social Studies  
Spelling  
Writing  
Modeling  
\* Physical Education  
Chorus  
Elements of Music  
Eurythmics

## Grade IV

Arithmetic  
Language  
Nature Study  
Physical Expression  
Reading  
Social Studies  
Spelling  
Writing  
Knitting  
Modeling  
\* Physical Education  
Chorus  
Elements of Music  
Eurythmics  
Piano

## Grade V

Arithmetic  
Geography  
Grammar  
History  
Physical Expression  
Reading  
Spelling  
Basketry  
Knitting  
Modeling  
\* Physical Education  
Chorus  
Piano

## Grade VI

Arithmetic  
Geography  
Grammar  
History  
Hygiene  
Physical Expression  
Reading  
Spelling  
Basketry  
Caning  
Sewing  
Woodwork  
\* Physical Education  
Chorus  
Piano

## Grade VII

Arithmetic  
English  
Geography  
History  
Hygiene  
Pencil Writing  
Physical Expression  
Typing  
Basketry  
Caning  
Crocheting  
Leather work  
Sewing  
Woodworking  
\* Physical Education  
Chorus  
Piano

## Grade VIII

Arithmetic  
English  
Hygiene  
Pencil Writing  
Physical Expression  
Social Studies of Pennsylvania  
Typing  
Caning  
Crocheting  
Leather work  
Woodworking  
Physical Education  
Chorus  
Piano



## General Course Required

Grade IX	hrs.	Grade X	hrs.	Grade XI	hrs.	Grade XII	hrs.
English -----	4	English -----	4	English -----	4	English -----	4
Anc. History --	4	Med. History --	4	Civics -----	4	Am. History --	4
Gen. Science --	4	Bookkeeping --	2	General Math. --	4	Typing -----	2
Jr. Bus. Tr. --	2	Typing -----	1	Typing -----	2	Phys. Expr. --	1
Typing -----	1	Occupations ---	1	Phys. Expr. ---	3		
Phys. Expr. ---	1	Phys. Expr. ---	1				
*Phys. Ed. ----	3	*Phys. Ed. ----	3	*Phys. Ed. ----	1	*Phys. Ed. ----	3
Arts & Crafts -	v	Arts & Crafts -	v	Arts & Crafts -	v	Arts & Crafts -	v
General Shop -	v	General Shop -	v	General Shop -	v	General Shop -	v

## Elective

Poultry -----	v	Poultry -----	v	Piano Tuning -	v	Piano Tuning -	v
Piano Tuning -	v	Piano Tuning -	v	Poultry -----	v	Poultry -----	v
						Biology -----	4
Latin -----	4	Latin -----	4	French -----	4		
		French -----	4				

## Academic Course Required

English -----	4	English -----	4	English -----	4	English -----	4
Anc. History --	4	Algebra -----	4	Civics -----	4	Am. History --	4
General Science	4	Med. History --	4	Typing -----	2	Biology -----	4
Jr. Bus. Tr. ---	2	Occupations --	1	Phys. Expr. ---	1	Typing -----	2
Typing -----	1	Bookkeeping --	2			Phys. Expr. ---	1
Phys. Expr. ---	1	Typing -----	1				
		Phys. Expr. ---	3				
*Phys. Ed. ----	3			*Phys. Ed. ----	3	*Phys. Ed. ----	3
		*Phys. Ed. ----	1				
Latin -----	4			Latin --- -----	4		
		Latin -----	4	French -----	4		
		French -----	4				

## Elective

Economics ----	4	Prac. Physics -	3				
Chorus -----	4	Chorus -----	4	Chorus -----	4	Chorus -----	4
Piano -----	v	Piano -----	v	Piano -----	v	Piano -----	v
Music Appr. --	1	Music Appr. --	1	Music Appr. --	1	Music Appr. --	1
Orchestra -----	v	Orchestra -----	v	Orchestra -----	v	Orchestra -----	v
		Harmony I ---	1	Harmony II --	1		
Speech Cor. ---	1	Speech Cor. ---	1	Speech Cor. ---	1	Speech Cor. ---	1
Arts & Crafts -	v	Arts & Crafts -	v	Arts & Crafts -	v	Arts & Crafts -	v
General Shop -	v	General Shop -	v	General Shop -	v	General Shop -	v
Home Econ. --	2	Home Econ. --	2	Home Econ. --	2	Home Econ. --	2

v — Varies with individual pupil.

\*—Dancing—Folk, Social, Tap, Bowling, Gymnasium, Swimming, Track and Field, Wrestling

# Enrollment for the School Year

June 1, 1940—May 31, 1941

## GIRLS

Anderson, Margaret	Frey, Florence	Nathaniel, Carrie
Bailey, June	Gariffo, Josephine	Nixdorf, Nancy
Baker, Mary C.	Genthner, Esther E.	Omlor, Marian
Bamber, Mary	Genthner, Marian I.	Oxenford, Helen
Barnard, Dorothy J.	Glick, Margaret	Phillips, Mary D.
Bentz, Virginia	Graver, Alta M.	Presz, Catherine
Berger, Virginia	Green, Alice	Prosser, Alma
Blaschack, Olga	Griffith, Fay	Pugliese, Kathryn
Bogner, Lorraine	Hackett, Marjorie H.	Rager, Nancy Lee
Borynack, Virginia V.	Hall, Elizabeth	Reale, Elvira
Bossert, Janice	Harmon, Retta	Reames, Helen (H.T.)
Boyer, Anna C.	Harris, Janet	Reilley, Mary Lou
Brandt, Joyce A.	Hill, Dorothy	Rice, Blanche
Brandt, Sarah J.	Hohman, Doris	Ritchey, Doris
Brennan, Martha (H.T.)	Hughes, Joan	Saile, Nancy
Brown, Carrie L.	Humm, Bernice	Salvin, Anna
Bunt, Marian	Jackson, Joan D.	Sattezahn, Helen L.
Calapa, Grace	Johnson, Florence	Schoch, Frances
Campbell, Mary	Kapelus, Mary	Sharp Thelma
Canamucio, Rosalie	Kaplioniak, Helen (H.T.)	Sirianni, Lena
Capparell, Florence	Keglovitz, Mary	Smith, Alma
Carichner, Nadine	Kieffer, Joyce	Smith, Marjorie
Carson, Joyce A.	Kile, Marian V.	Smith, Mary J.
Coleman, Mary	Kirk, Evelyn	Smithson, Sylvia
Collins, Jeannette	Kirkley, Maud	Snyder, Ann T.
Cooper, Angeline	Klos, Mary	Sorber, Margaret
Cordaro, Josephine	Knorr, Marjorie	Spitale, Josephine
Crosby, Sarah	Kocher, Rachael	Suraci (Seratch), Antonia
De Haven, Catherine V.	Lennon, Claire	Suraci (Seratch), Mary
Deraco, Catherine	Lenox, Adele R.	Suwal, Sara
Dickerson, Viola	Luchsinger, Beverly	Tannenbaum, Frances
Dreher, Dolores	MacLeod, Elizabeth (H.T.)	Thursby, Edith
Dreisigmeyer, Anna	McCullough, Elizabeth	Titko, Elizabeth
Drill, Rita	McCullough, Helen	Torcivia, Theresa
Dykstra, Adrianna (H.T.)	McKenna, Margaret	Totino, Doris
Eberly, Raye	Malatesta, Joan	Trexler, Shirley A.
Engle, Fay	Manley, Alice	Van Doren, Mildred
Esher, Elsie	Marconi, Frances	Waters, Mary J.
Eshleman, Grace	Mays, Ruth	Weisenborn, Gladys
Favinger, Marjorie	Miller, Elizabeth	White, Catherine
Felicetti, Lillian	Miller, Elva Mae	Youorski, Kathryn
Fern, Mary	Muff, Mary	
Ford, Peggy Jane	Mumma, Audrey	

## BOYS

Alden, Howard	Atkins, Lynn	Banks, Floyd
Alksmant, Leonard	Austman, Albert	Barkovich, Ferdinand
Allwein, Herman	Bailey, Dallas J.	Barrall, James E.
Anderson, Edward	Bailey, Richard	Barroll, Robert D.
Argo, James	Bailor, Maurice	Baum, James



Berger, Willard	Harris, Clyde	Ness, Myron
Bigger, Earl L., Jr.	Hawrylko, Michael	Nowaczyk, Stanley
Boccelli, Patsy	Hayden, Donald	O'Neill, Edward
Breidenstine, Allen M.	Heineman, Robert	Owens, Robert H.
Brown, Donald G.	Hess, Frank	Parker, John
Brown, Glenn	Henry, Reginald	Parry, Austin
Brownstein, Robert	Hoffman, Willard A.	Perese, Anthony
Burke, Nathan	Hoke, G. Robert	Perry, Joseph
Burruss, Jerome	Holloway, Clarence	Plawa, Stanley P.
Cameron, Joseph	Hopkins, Walter	Pouncey, Samuel
Cariola, Michael (H.T.)	Iannace, Joseph	Prettyman, James
Catlin, Bernard	Jarinko, Sanford F.	Price, Roy
Cevet, Dominick	Jenkins, James	Quill, Edward
Cicala, Joseph	Jones, Theodore	Reed, Vincent
Cobb, James D., Jr.	Jopling, Ralph N.	Reigh, Eugene
Coleman, Robert	Kapuchinski, John	Rounsavill, George C.
Cooper, Chester	Kerr, Jephtha H.	Samworth, Charles
Coursault, Thomas	Kettell, George H.	Schuckert, Carl
Crea, Carmen	Key, William	Segal, Arthur
D'Allessandro, David	Kipp, Marvin	Serafin, George
De Cicco, Harold	Kirklo, Edward	Sharff, Leon
DiGirolamo, Nello	Kleposki, Raymond	Shaw, William
Dougherty, Robert	Klose, William	Shott, Theodore
Dowd, John, Jr.	Kormanski, Henry	Siegfried, Ralph
Dutko, Joseph	Kozinski, Enoch	Small, Richard
Edgerton, Arthur	Kryn timer, Edward	Smith, George
Elder, Byron (H.T.)	Laager, Edward J.	Somers, Landon
Famiglietti, Joseph	Lattiere, Frank	Sopke, Joseph
Floray, Albert F.	Lecato, Wilmore	Stocker, Clifford
Flowers, Alfred	Link, Charles	Stokes, Edward
Force, Russell	Linsinbigler, Arthur	Stoneroad, Ralph
Foster, Alexander	Mammarella, Francis	Strang, William
Foster, Herman	Marko, Albert	Strzalka, Matthew
Frederickson, Edward	McDonald, Frederick	Swoyer, Hugh
Gardner, William	McDonald, William	Thompson, Rudolph
Garnett, David F.	McDowell, Michael	Turiosey, John
Garrett, Robert B.	McErn, William	Waterstradt, Robert, Jr.
Gaskill, Edward	Marcucci, George	Whitby, Thomas S.
Gillen, John	Marcucci, Raymond	Wild, Roscoe
Gohl, Robert	Meecham, William	Winters, James J.
Good, Thomas	Meixsell, Philip	Wolfgang, James
Greer, Robert	Miller, James I.	Worthington, Joseph
Groff, Lester A.	Miller, James Wm.	Zazow, Alex
Haas, Douglas	Mollica, Samuel	Zeleznock, Joseph
Hall, Charles F.	Morris, Neil, Jr.	
Hall, Robert C.	Morris, Thomas	

# Distribution of Pupils According to INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENTS

Total Enrollment, 1940-41					
	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
SUPERIOR					
Above 130 -----	3	6	9	3.2	
120 - 129 -----	5	8	13	4.7	
110 - 119 -----	18	13	31	11.1	19.0
AVERAGE					
100 - 109 -----	25	22	47	16.9	
90 - 99 -----	29	24	53	19.1	36.0
DULL					
80 - 89 -----	39 (4)	26	65	23.4	23.4
BACKWARD					
70 - 79 -----	16 (3)	18	34	12.2	12.2
PROBABLY F. M.					
Below 70 -----	13 (5)	7	20	7.2	7.2
NOT TESTED -----	3	3	6	2.2	2.2
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	151 (12)*	127	278	100.0	100.0

\*Number of students in ungraded class.

Regular School, Ungraded Class Omitted				
	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
SUPERIOR -----	26	27	53	19.9
AVERAGE -----	54	46	100	37.6
DULL -----	35	26	61	22.9
BACKWARD -----	13	18	31	11.7
PROBABLY F. M. -----	8	7	15	5.6
NOT TESTED -----	3	3	6	2.3
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	139	127	266	100.0

Research Department, August 8, 1941.



# FORMER PUPILS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOLS, PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

September, 1940—June, 1941

## GIRLS

Name	Residence	Special Form of Education	Year
Fill, Stella	Philadelphia	West Chester State Teachers College, West Chester, Pa.	Sophomore
Romanick, Louise	Philadelphia	Temple University—School of Physical Education	Senior
Yourski, Kathryn	Dunmore, Pa.	Pennsylvania State College—Liberal Arts	Freshman

## BOYS

Allman, Robert	Philadelphia	University of Pennsylvania—Law School	Sophomore
Anderson, Herbert	Lancaster, Pa.	Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.	Sophomore
Brown David	Upper Darby, Pa.	Temple University—School of Commerce	Junior
Caltagirone, Librande	Philadelphia	Temple University—School of Business Administration	Junior
Meade, Bertine	Phillipsburg, N. J.	Lafayette University, Easton, Pa.	Senior
Miller, P. Frank	Philadelphia	College of Osteopathy	Junior
Scanlon, William	Philadelphia	University of Pennsylvania—The College	Junior
*Trimmer, Earl	York, Pa.	Temple University—Pre-Med.	Senior

\*Graduated from three-year course in Nov., 1940.

# STATISTICS

## For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 1941

### Movement of Population

	Boys	Girls	Total
Resident at last report -----	131	106	237
Admitted -----	21	22	43
Population -----	152*	128*	280*
Discharged -----	25	22	47
Resident at close of year -----	127	106	233

\*One boy and one girl were both discharged and readmitted during this period, so actual number of individuals represented is 278, 151 boys and 127 girls.

Age at admission of the 43 pupils received during the year, inclusive:

Age	No.	Age	No.	Age	No.
6 -----	5	13 -----	2	20 -----	1
7 -----	4	14 -----	5	21 -----	2
8 -----	1	15 -----	6	24 -----	1
9 -----	2	17 -----	1	25 -----	1*
10 -----	4	18 -----	1	28 -----	1*
11 -----	2	19 -----	1	37 -----	1*
12 -----	2				

\*Members of the Home Teachers Training Course.

Thirty-one of the students admitted were from Pennsylvania, ten from New Jersey, one from Rhode Island, and one from Texas.

Of those in attendance during the year,

Time in School of 47 pupils discharged during the year, inclusive:

Time here	No.	Time here	No.
Less than 1 year -----	9	9 years and more -----	5
1 year and more -----	10	10 ' ' ' -----	3
2 years ' ' -----	2	12 ' ' ' -----	1
3 ' ' ' -----	4	13 ' ' ' -----	3
4 ' ' ' -----	3	15 ' ' ' -----	2
6 ' ' ' -----	1	17 ' ' ' -----	1
7 ' ' ' -----	3		

### Report of Dr. Fry, Ophthalmologist:

The findings of our ophthalmologist in the cases of our forty-three admissions this year are given below, with the cause of blindness and etiology.

No.	Causes of Blindness	Etiology
14	Optic atrophy -----	Congenital (probably luetic)
	' ' , sec. and dif. -	' '
	' ' , (ret. chor.) --	' '
	' ' -----	' ' syphilis
	' ' , sec. -----	Increased intercranial pressure prob-
		ably brain tumor
	' ' , ' -----	Post-papillitic atrophy secondary to
		brain tumor (2 cases)
	' ' , ' -----	Cerebellar tumor
	' ' , ' -----	Brain tumor
	' ' , ' -----	Meningitis
	' ' -----	Acute infection following measles and
		whooping cough
	' ' , sec. -----	Retro-bulbar neuritis—sinus infection
	' ' , ' -----	Ret. Pig. (?); inf. from application;
		not seen by Dr. Fry
	' ' , sec. -----	Unknown



No.	Cause of Blindness	Etiology
5	Cataracts -----	Congenital
3	Phthisis bulbi -----	O.D.—post operative; O.S.—idiopathic
	"      "      -----	O.N.—organism unknown
	"      "      -----	Uveitis, unknown origin
2	Interstitial keratitis -----	Syphilis
2	Detachment of retina -----	Myopia, plus trauma
	"      "      "      -----	Trauma
2	Microphthalmos -----	Congenital
2	Glaucoma -----	Unknown
2	Buphthalmos -----	Congenital
	"      (pseudo); prob-	
	ably dependent	
	on O. N. -----	Unknown
2	Retino-choroiditis -----	Congenital
	"      "      , O.S. phthisis	
	bulbi -----	Congenital, O.D.; post-operative, O.S.
2	Uveitis -----	Unknown
1	Ophthalmia neonatorum; secondary glaucoma ----	Unknown
1	Glioma of retina -----	Unknown
1	Amblyopia -----	Congenital
1	Adherent Leucoma -----	Corneal ulcer of un-
		determined origin
1	Macular choroiditis -----	Myopia
1	Myopia -----	Congenital
1	Retinitis pigmentosa -----	Unknown

**Relatives Blind:** Thirty-nine new pupils were admitted during the school year, and four pupils were re-admitted, making a total of forty-three. The following information on the thirty-nine new admissions shows the eye conditions of the families from which these children came.

Twenty are from families where there are no known eye conditions.

Six have members of the family who wear glasses.

One youngster's father is blind in the right eye.

Two pupils from one family have a mother with cataracts which have been operated upon.

Another girl has a mother with cataracts; a new boy's mother has cataract in the left eye.

One girl who came this year is one of six children, four of whom are blind.

A lad now enrolled has two sisters wearing glasses and one uncle born blind, another uncle blind in one eye.

The grandmother of one girl is blind; the great-grandmother of another boy was blind a year before death at 98.

The father of one girl has poor vision and a sister wears glasses. Another boy's father has defective vision; we do not know to what extent.

The sister of another girl wears glasses for near-sightedness.

A new boy's mother, suffering from diabetes, lost her sight shortly before death.

# THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	For the fiscal year ended May 31, 1941	For the fiscal year ended May 31, 1940
OPERATING INCOME:-		
Tuition:		
Pennsylvania -----	\$128,932.26	\$129,653.46
New Jersey -----	12,866.58	10,562.50
Delaware -----	2,559.08	3,810.00
Pay pupils -----	3,206.69	3,778.00
Discount earned -----		\$147,803.96
Miscellaneous -----		496.67
		<u>361.51</u>
		\$148,662.14
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Salaries and wages -----	\$100,285.24	\$ 90,901.90
Food -----	33,529.53	33,239.98
Supplies and expenses -----	25,683.25	19,300.64
Repairs and maintenance -----	15,402.31	9,721.07
Heat, light, and power -----	10,334.41	19,892.46
		<u>173,056.05</u>
Net loss from operations before depreciation -----		\$ 24,393.91
Depreciation of operating fund fixed assets -----	\$ 36,701.49	6,030.26
Net loss from operations after depreciation -----	5,622.50	<u>\$ 30,424.17</u>
NON-OPERATING INCOME:		
Income from investments -----	\$ 50,488.63	\$ 49,972.98
Contributions received -----	3,067.10	2,359.50
		<u>52,332.48</u>
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Finance committee -----	\$ 4,293.80	\$ 4,284.85
Financial campaign -----	1,257.22	1,164.65
		<u>5,449.50</u>
Depreciation of reappraised value of plant fund fixed assets -----	5,551.02	\$ 16,458.81
	\$ 5,680.72	
	<u>21,325.28</u>	21,316.96
Net loss for the period -----	\$ 15,644.56	<u>\$ 4,858.15</u>



THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND

BALANCE SHEET — MAY 31, 1941

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Operating Fund		Operating Fund	
CURRENT ASSETS:		CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Cash	\$ 115,801.38	Accounts payable	\$22,082.37
State aid and tuition receivable	46,910.63		
Inventories	7,158.07		
Prepayments	641.24		
	\$170,511.32		
INVESTMENTS—AT COST:			
Unrestricted funds	\$ 1,061,406.45		
Restricted funds	29,948.62		
	\$1,091,355.07		
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, MACHINERY, AND EQUIPMENT		PRINCIPAL:	
Less — Reserve for depreciation	\$ 334,753.66	Unrestricted funds	\$1,429,724.58
	246,535.89	Restricted funds	42,877.56
			\$1,472,602.14
		Less Deficit	134,341.66
			1,338,260.48
OTHER ASSETS:			
Deposit in closed bank	\$ 879.05		
Perpetual insurance deposits	9,379.64		
	\$10,258.69		
	\$1,360,342.85		
			\$1,360,342.85
LAND AND BUILDINGS:		Plant Fund	
Land		PRINCIPAL	\$1,629,271.55
Land improvements	\$ 64,249.97		
Buildings	1,419,590.92		
	\$1,483,840.89		
Less — Reserve for depreciation	875,638.82	Less:	
		Depreciation on plant fund assets	887,063.27
			\$ 742,208.28
			\$2,102,551.13

## Acknowledgments

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts and services extended to the school:

Mrs. Joseph Frechie, for a radio.

John H. Webster Public School, for the presentation of a pageant, "Our Pan American Neighbors," originally given at Schoolmen's Week.

Miss Elizabeth Gest and Mrs. Mary Miller Mount, for their two-piano recital.

Committee on the Blind of the Philadelphia Section, National Council of Jewish Women, for their check for \$10 to be used for the work of the school.

Overbrook Lions Club, for \$150 to be used toward the new furniture and furnishings of the living room in Cottage "C."

Mrs. Francis F. Burch, for twelve tickets to a concert at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church House.

Julius Kunstler, violinist, accompanied by Waldemar Liachowsky, for a half-hour recital.

Miss Marjorie Hardy and her class at the Germantown Friends School, for valentines sent to the Primary Building and Cottages "A," "B," "E" and "F."

Junior Club of Stonehurst, for a Talking Book for the blind.

Needlework Guild, through Mrs. Frank Williams of the Chapin Home Board, for clothing for some of our pupils.

Beta Sigma Sorority, for the gift of ten dollars toward the work of the school.

Mrs. George S. Robbins, for five tickets to the Sightless Recitalist's concert.

Mrs. Rust, for the gift of a piano to use in the Girl Scout room.

Olney Branch, Needlework Guild, for gift of clothing for some of our pupils.

Fort Washington Branch, Needlework Guild, for clothing for some of our pupils.

Settlement Music School, for ten tickets to "Pygmalion," used by members of our Philodrama Club.

Glen Ridge Chapter, American Red Cross, for 25 calendars in braille.

Miss Cornelia Greenough, for taking four children to the Children's Concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Springfield Branch, Needlework Guild, for clothing for some of our children.

A & P Food Stores, for an excess stock of foodstuffs.

Mr. E. H. Alden, for a radio which was installed in our infirmary.

Mr. Harry Orner, for taking five boys to a football game.

Mrs. George F. Tyler, for two season tickets to Robin Hood Dell concerts.

Mrs. Latimer P. Smith, for the gift of a victrola to the school.

Anonymous contribution of a ticket for a recital at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Miss Emilie Krider Norris, for the gift of \$114.46 to be used for the work of the school; part of this amount was raised by giving a play for the benefit of Overbrook.

Mr. Ellis Gimbel, for the yearly trip to the circus, which he so generously provides for all our pupils.

First Church of Christ Scientist, for the gift of braille books.

Marian M. Janney, for the four tickets to the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Women's Association of the Second Presbyterian Church, Germantown, for the \$8.00 check to be used in the "department where it will do the most good."

We also desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to the many friends of the school who have performed so many kindnesses during the year, among those being a large group of volunteer readers who give their services to our teachers without sight and to our pupils attending high schools, professional schools and universities. The Committee on the Blind of the National Council of Jewish Women and members of the Junior League of Philadelphia have been particularly helpful. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross has been invaluable in providing braille literature for our students attending schools and colleges for seeing pupils.



Annual Report of the Managers  
of

The Pennsylvania Institution  
for the Instruction of the Blind

*1944 - 1945*

# Officers of the Institution

## *Patron*

His Excellency, Governor Edward Martin

## *President*

Charles J. Biddle, Esq. (1916)

## *Vice-Presidents*

Nicholas G. Roosevelt	(1925)	James H. Robins	(1937)
Winthrop H. Battles	(1934)		

## *Secretary*

Philip Price (1934)

## *Treasurer*

Oliver Martin (1942)

## *Managers*

Charles P. Stokes	(1934)	William T. Carter, II	(1940)
Edmund R. Purves	(1935)	John Forbes Gordon	(1941)
C. Townsend Ludington	(1935)	George A. Robbins	(1942)
Edward Hopkinson, Jr.	(1937)	Pierce A. Cumings	(1944)

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### *Finance*

Charles P. Stokes	Philip Price
Oliver Martin	Edward Hopkinson, Jr.
Winthrop H. Battles	

### *Instruction*

Winthrop H. Battles	C. T. Ludington
James H. Robins	John Forbes Gordon

### *Household*

Nicholas G. Roosevelt	John Forbes Gordon
William T. Carter, II	George A. Robbins

### *Admission and Discharge*

George A. Robbins

### *Placement*

Charles P. Stokes	John Forbes Gordon
James H. Robins	

### *Consulting Physicians*

Francis W. Sinkler, M.D.	William Drayton, Jr., M.D.
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# Faculty and Staff of the School

1944 - 1945

## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Albert G. Cowgill, A.B., B.S.  
*Principal*

Helen E. Richman  
*Secretary to the Principal*

Margaret R. Coggeshall  
*Registrar*

Dorothy Anderson  
*Bookkeeper*

## ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

Ethel K. Arthur, A.B., M.A.  
*Principal Teacher, Girls' School*

Joseph J. Kerr, B.S., M.S.  
*Principal Teacher, Boys' School*

Lillian Bergerson  
*Fourth Grade, Girls*

Phyllis M. Conner, A.B.  
*English, French*

\*†Mae Davidow, B.A.  
*Geometry*

Mary P. Farrell, B.S., M.S.  
*Sight Saving Class*

Ruth Howes Heisler, B.S.  
*Third Grade, Girls*

William T. Heisler, B.S., M.S.  
*Sciences and Mathematics*

Doris Huffman, B.S.  
*Speech Correction, Expression,  
and Dramatics*

†Eleanor H. Lodholz, B.F.A.  
*Pottery*

Elinor H. Long, A.B., M.A.  
*English, Latin, German*

Sarah V. Long, A.B.  
*Commercial Subjects*

Neale L. Maxwell  
*Fourth Grade, Boys*

Constance Morey  
*Mathematics*

\*Ida E. Price  
*Spelling, Reading*

L V Silvis, A.B., M.A.  
*Orthogenic Backward (Ungraded  
Group)*

Isamiah K. Stover  
*Third Grade, Boys*

Murray H. Thompson  
*Sixth and Seventh Grades*

\*Anne V. Ward, A.B.  
*Braille*

Dorothy E. White, B.S.  
*Fifth Grade*

## PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Elizabeth M. Wright, B.S.  
*Supervisor, and Group A*

Mildred L. Schorpp, B.S.  
*Group B*

Mercedes Klug, B.S.  
*Group C*

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kerr, B.S., M.S.  
*Director of Physical Education,  
Boys*

\*Ferdinand Barkovich  
*Assistant Director of Physical Ed-  
ucation, Boys*

Flora E. Twaits, B.S.  
*Director of Physical Education,  
Girls*

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\*Visually handicapped.

†Part-time.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

- †Harold W. Gilbert, B.Mus.  
*Supervisor, Music Department,  
Organ, Theory, Chorus*
- Elsie E. Bruggeman  
*Piano*
- Dorothy Landis Cage  
*Coaching and Instruction, and  
Ungraded Group*
- Emilie P. Hahn  
*Eurythmics, Elements of Music*
- †\*Edythe Morris  
*Braille, Librarian—Music Depart-  
ment*
- \*William A. Currlin  
*Tuning Instructor*

## MANUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

- Natalie Ruth  
*Home Economics, Sewing*
- \*William A. Currlin  
*Basketry, Racket Restringing*
- \*Margaret Deaver, B.S.  
*Sewing, Basketry, Crocheting*
- \*Herbert Hartung  
*Caning, Brush-making, Leather  
Work, Doormats*
- \*Augusta Horner  
*Caning, Leather Work*
- \*Agnes Locuson  
*Weaving, Knitting*
- Ralph A. Johnson, B.S.  
*Industrial Shop*
- \*Willard Weatherby, A.B.  
*Woodwork, Metalwork*

## LIBRARY AND PRINTING OFFICE

- Anna F. Burke, A.B.  
*Librarian*
- \*Russell Force (Res. 3-1-45)  
*Assistant to the Librarian*
- Samuel Norman  
*Stereotyper*
- \*Ida E. Price  
*Finger Proof Reader*

## RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

- †Samuel P. Hayes, Ph.D.  
*Director*
- Edith Newlin, B.S., M.A.  
*Psychometrist*

## HOME TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

- Amey Eaton Watson, Ph.D.  
*Coordinator*
- †Dorothy T. Carr  
*Secretary to Coordinator*

## PLACEMENT DEPARTMENT

- \*O. E. Day  
*Placement Officer*
- Elizabeth C. Beckman  
*Secretary to Placement Officer*

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- William Drayton, Jr., M.D.  
Francis W. Sinkler, M.D.  
*Physicians*
- Wilfred E. Fry, M.D.  
*Ophthalmologist*
- William Hewson, M.D.  
*Laryngologist*
- E. P. Corson-White, M.D.  
*Pathologist*
- Edward P. Pointer, D.D.S.  
*Dentist*
- Carroll S. Wright, M.D.  
*Dermatologist*
- Edith Woodward  
*Registered Nurse*

## TELEPHONE OPERATORS

- \*Mae E. Davidow, A.B.
- \*Augusta Horner    \*Agnes Locuson
- \*Helen Oxenford    Older students
- 
- \*Visually handicapped.
- †Part-time.



## HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT

Gladys L. Webber

*Steward*

Ethel E. Beatty

*Matron*

James F. Crane

*Custodian—Buildings*

Michael Cronin

*Chief Engineer*

## HOUSEMOTHERS

Senior

Izora Roush

*Girls*

Effie Molan

Helen Creamer

*Boys*

Intermediate

Carrie L. Burritt

*Girls*

L. Morris Spencer (Res. 3-1-45)

*Boys*

Junior

Marie Thomson

*Girls*

Emma P. Cole

*Boys*

Primary School

Anna E. Yaun

*Girls*

Lillian DeLong

*Boys*

Janet Calderwood

*Relief Housemother*

Jeanne L. Jordan

*Relief Housemother and Assistant Nurse*

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## Calendar for the School Year 1944-45

September 13	Opening of School term
November 22, 23	Thanksgiving holiday
December 14	Christmas Musicale
January 3	Pupils Return After Holidays
January 4	Classes resumed
March 22	Easter vacation begins
April 3	Pupils return after holidays
April 4	Classes resumed
May 17	Boys' Declamation Contest
May 29	Spring Musicale—Senior
June 6	Spring Musicale—Junior
June 15	Commencement

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JAMES P. HUTCHINSON, M.D.

*President 1925-1943*

Member of Board of Managers 1894-April 8, 1943



# IN MEMORIAM

James Pemberton Hutchinson

1867 - 1943



In the death on April 8, 1943, of Dr. James Pemberton Hutchinson, the School lost not only the President of its Board of Managers, but also one of the best friends and most tireless workers for its benefit that it has ever had. Dr. Hutchinson was elected to the Board in 1894 and became President in 1925. He therefore gave to the School almost fifty years of service as a Manager. During his eighteen years as President, he guided its policies and gave the most painstaking attention to the administration of its affairs.

Dr. Hutchinson was born June 3, 1867, the son of James Howell Hutchinson, M.D., and Anna Ingersoll Hutchinson. His early education was received at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, he received his A.B. at Harvard in 1890 and his M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1893. Like his grandfather and his father before him, he was, during all his professional life, associated with the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, first as interne, then as out-patient surgeon, then as surgeon and lastly as consulting surgeon. For many years he was also surgeon to the Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal and St. Timothy's Hospitals, in Philadelphia.

As a military surgeon he won great distinction in France during the first World War. In the spring of 1915 he went to the American Ambulance in Paris with a unit from the University of Pennsylvania. This unit was succeeded by one from the Pennsylvania Hospital which Dr. Hutchinson commanded and which remained more or less intact until the end of the war. Later two other outlying hospitals were put under his command and his force greatly augmented by nurses and young physicians sent from this country. On the entry of the United States into the war he was commissioned as a Major in the Army and after completing four years of continuous work he retired with the grade of Colonel. Owing to his ability, his wide experience and his character, he earned an enviable reputation as a military surgeon and as an administrator.

In recognition of his services to France he was decorated a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, was awarded the Medaille d'Honneur by the French Republic, a war medal by the Union des Femmes de France and a medal by the Citizens of Paris. His fine record was not without recognition by our own government, as shown by the bestowal of the Distinguished Service Medal. He also received the Liberty Service Medal from the American Social Science Association and the National Institute of Social Sciences.

On his return to Philadelphia after the war he decided to retire from the practice of surgery. He became the assistant Medical Director of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, to which he continued to give a part of his time for many years. He was also a Manager of the Episcopal Hospital until within a few years of his death. His chief interest, however, was in the work of the School for the Blind at Overbrook, to which he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the end, and to which his great administrative ability and years of experience in the operation of large institutions was of the utmost value.

Dr. Hutchinson was a sportsman of the highest type. At Harvard he was stroke of his crew and a member of the football team. During his early professional life rowing on the Schuylkill was his favorite exercise. He was an excellent horseman and for a number of years he was President of the Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club. Later he was Master of Hounds for six or seven years, filling that role after he was seventy years of age.

All who knew Dr. Hutchinson will agree that his outstanding qualities were fairness, good judgment, honesty and frankness. Of himself, his achievements and his honors he never spoke. He was generous, giving freely to organized charity but more freely in quiet unknown ways. In his Will he named, as his residuary legatees, the Pennsylvania Hospital and this Institution. We have indeed lost a true friend.



# Annual Report of the Board of Managers

TO THE

Members of the Association  
and to the Legislature



In reviewing the School year 1944-1945 there are a number of important events to which we wish to draw particular attention.

For some years the School has been laying increasing emphasis upon trying to improve the character of the training given to its students, with a particular view to better fitting them to take their places in the world upon graduation so that they may be completely self-supporting and independent. With this purpose in view the Placement Office was established, which has been under the able direction of Mr. O. E. Day. The experience gained has demonstrated the fact that there would be many more opportunities open to the blind in industry if facilities were available to give them additional training in the operation of machinery. During the year the School appropriated and spent a substantial sum for the equipment of an industrial shop, in which some of the most modern machines, such as lathes and drills, have been installed. We now have 29 pupils enrolled in this course under the direction of Mr. Ralph A. Johnson and it is confidently expected that this experiment will prove very well worth while.

A sight saving class was installed during the year. Classes of this kind in schools for the blind are not new, but it is the first one we have had. Pupils in outlying districts whose sight in the better eye exceeds 20/200 have in the past been left to more or less vegetate because there were not the teaching facilities available for such pupils that can be had in the larger centers of population. Since these pupils are unable to keep up with those having normal vision, the natural result was that they dropped out of school and many of them simply did not get any proper education. Our class at Overbrook opened in February and there are now enrolled in it 7 full-time pupils and 1 part-time. The progress being made so far by these students would seem to have well justified the class.

The choir under the usual very able direction of Mr. Harold W. Gilbert, has been gaining more and more recognition. We receive

frequent requests for the choir to sing on various occasions and these programs have reflected great credit upon the School.

The most important happening of the year will be the change in the office of the Principal. Unfortunately, as the years slip by, none of us can avoid growing older, with the result that Mr. Cowgill reaches the retirement age during 1945. He came to the School 43 years ago as principal teacher of the boys and when Dr. Burritt retired as Principal in 1936, Mr. Cowgill took his place.

Many outstanding features of the School are directly due to Mr. Cowgill's influence and his tireless enthusiasm. In 1912 he helped to organize the first Boy Scout Troop for the blind at Overbrook. Today all phases of scout activity are available to blind boys and girls. The academic curriculum has been so revised during Mr. Cowgill's incumbency that graduates of the School are now accepted in the colleges on the same plane as are the seeing pupils of fully accredited high schools.

We have already mentioned the improvement during the current year of the School's facilities for training students to take their place in industry. Mr. Cowgill has been an enthusiastic supporter of this vocational work and under his leadership the School stands in the very first rank in this respect among educational institutions for the blind. During the same period the Home Teacher Training Course has been developed and greatly improved. These are but a few of the educational advancements which have been made under Mr. Cowgill's guidance.

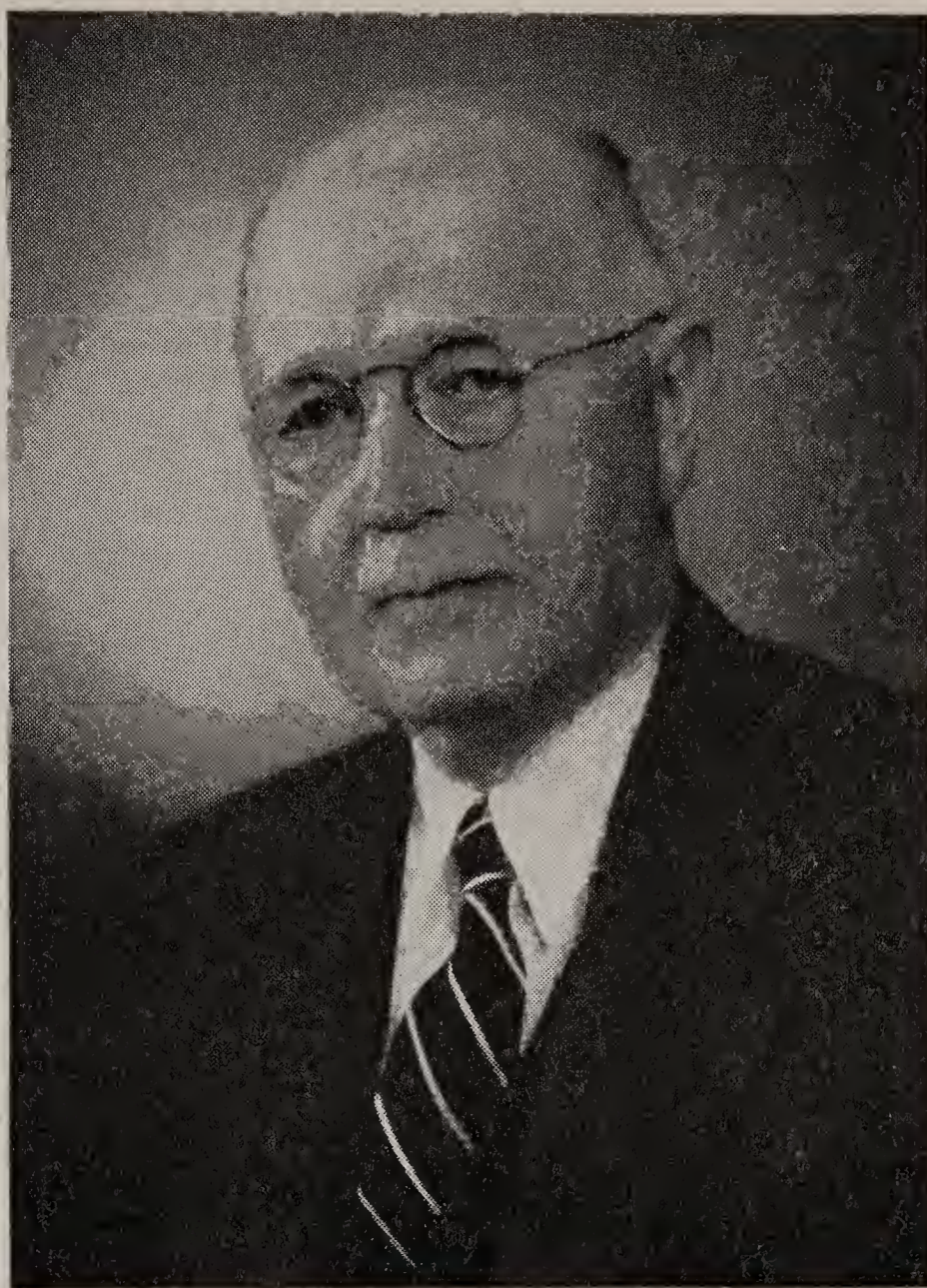
While Mr. Cowgill has been helping to provide increased educational opportunities for the blind, he has been fully awake to their need for relaxation and physical development. Extra-curricular activities such as clubs, skating, dancing, entertainments, and wrestling and track meets with other schools both seeing and blind, have had his enthusiastic support. Being an ardent lover of nature, he has given much attention to the grounds and cloister gardens and their color schemes which have brought so much pleasure and added so greatly to the beauty of the campus.

During these more than 40 years, Mr. Cowgill's keen appreciation of the difficulties faced by the blind and his unbounded faith in their abilities, have been of inestimable value not only to the School but to the education of the blind throughout the country. We shall miss him greatly. We are glad indeed that he expects to make his home nearby, and we are sure that his interest in Overbrook will never fail.



ALBERT G. COWGILL,  
A.B., B.S.

*Principal of the School*



The School is fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Josef G. Cauffman to take the place of Mr. Cowgill as Principal at the end of this school year. Mr. Cauffman has had long experience in work with the blind and comes to us from the Michigan School for the Blind at Lansing, where he had been Superintendent for the past eleven years. He arrived early in February and has been assisting Mr. Cowgill so that by the time he takes over during the summer, he will be quite familiar with our ways. We look forward with confidence to continued progress under his direction and we wish him every success.

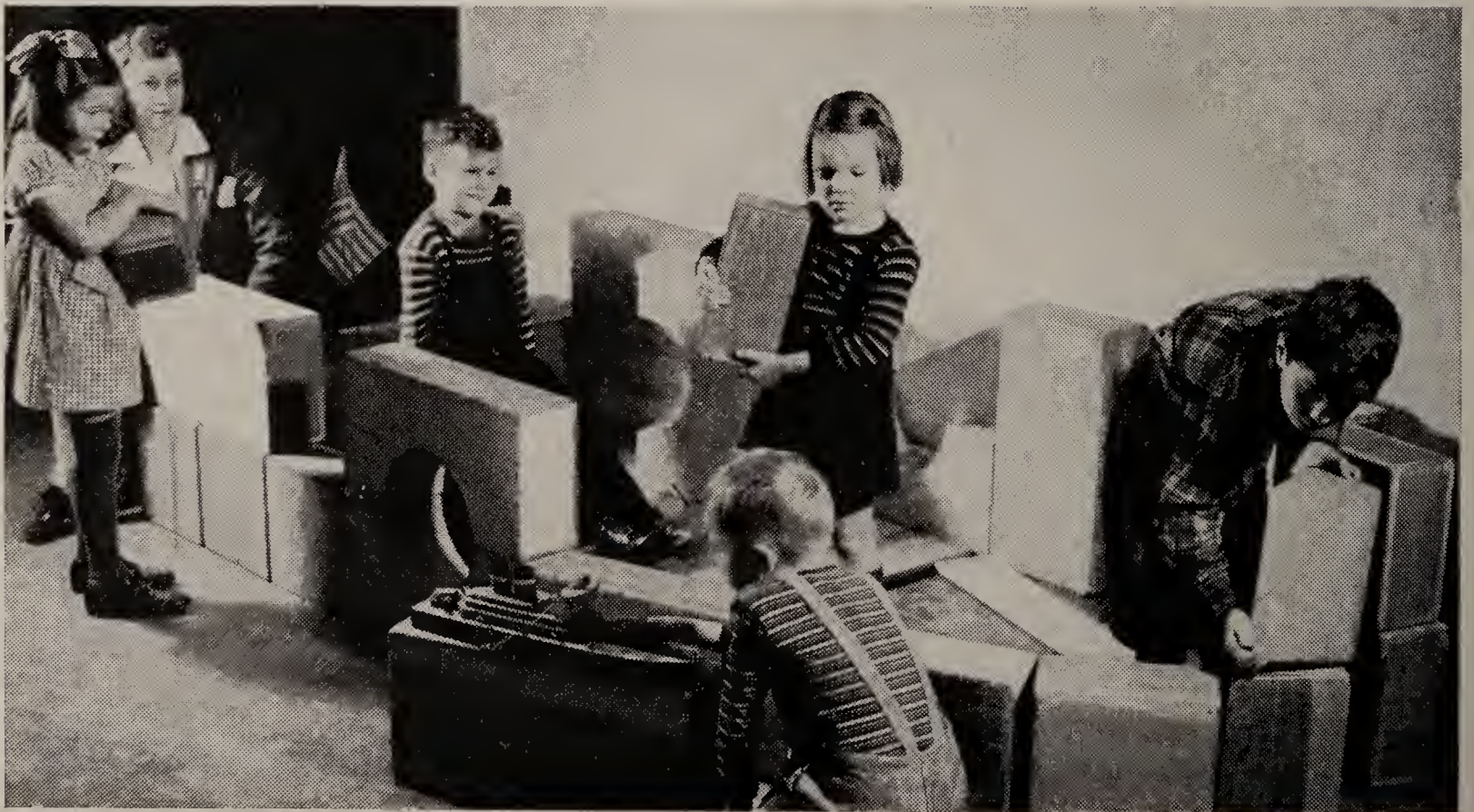
Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. BIDDLE,  
*President.*





Creative  
Arts on the  
Potter's  
Wheel



Pupils of the Primary School build a boat! "Building" in every phase of a pupil's life is a chief factor in his training.



# Annual Report of the Principal

To the

Board of Managers



*Gentlemen:*

In preparing this report for the school year 1944-45, it is my desire to record briefly, in a permanent form, some of the outstanding events. In retrospect I believe it has been a year of progress in the life of the school itself, which is indicative of the general fulfilment of the chief purpose of an educational institution, where boys and girls with a visual handicap are trained to become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens, taking their places in the community.

**HEALTH** The health of the pupils is of vital importance, and upon admittance each child has a series of examinations and tests by competent physicians, which include general medical, Wassermann, dental, nose, throat, and eye. Careful supervision obtains throughout the school year; matron, house-mothers, and nurse are alert for symptoms; consequently, illness among the pupils has been kept to a minimum.

**CHOIR** The Overbrook Choir, as our pupils prefer to call the chorus, under the competent leadership of Mr. Harold W. Gilbert, has been making a name for itself. Since its appearance at the Education Congress in the Forum at Harrisburg on October 4, at the invitation of Dr. Francis B. Haas, Superintendent of Public Instruction, requests have been coming, and the Choir has given programs in Haverford, Upper Darby, two Philadelphia churches, Girard College, and West Chester State Teachers College. Among the selections presented were: "Hospodi Pomilui", Lvovsky; "Rowan Tree", Roberton; "Pretense", Clokey; "Hear My Prayer", Mendelssohn; "Hallelujah Chorus", Handel; "Now Let All the Heavens Adore Thee", Bach; "Tantum Ergo", Gluck, "Neighbors of Bethlehem", Gevaert, and "Cherubim Song", Bortniansky. The Cantata, "The Story of Christmas", Matthews was given in December in the school auditorium. The maroon gowns add greatly to the appearance of the Choir.

**TESTING PROGRAM** The general plan of testing all pupils enrolled in the ninth grade through high school at the Trainee Acceptance Center is being continued. The objective of this plan is to secure test results which frequently prove very valuable in guiding vocational pupils. The probable success of a person in a factory job where mental concentration and a conception of space, speed, and accuracy in manipulation are essential, is indicated thereby. Non-vocational students were tested also as the tests often indicate their skill in the areas covered and assist in guiding into wider spheres of activity and accomplishment.

**WAR EFFORT** The sale of stamps and bonds has been entered into enthusiastically by the students, and recognition has been received from the Treasury Department. Paper has been salvaged; and subscriptions for the United War Chest, and the Red Cross War Fund have been received.

**JUNIOR TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR** The Junior Town Meeting of the Air program was broadcast from Overbrook Auditorium on February 1. Dr. Merle M. Odgers, President of Girard College, was moderator. Overbrook was one of the four schools represented in preparing the material to be presented on the government of Philadelphia, and had one speaker, although three of our pupils were members of the questioning panel consisting of pupils of the eight schools represented. Pupils from other schools and important visitors were present also. The Choir gave a short program in the preliminary exercises.

**SIGHT SAVING CLASS** The new sight saving class at Overbrook opened on February 1, and has an enrollment of seven full time pupils and one part-time. For some time I have been concerned about pupils residing in outlying districts whose visual acuity exceeds 20/200 in the better eye after refraction, and for whom nothing is being done in the way of formal education. Many of these boys and girls fell behind hopelessly, and eventually dropped out of school, and were left to vegetate because they were unable to keep up with pupils having normal vision.

A room has been painted properly, and the necessary lighting equipment, in accordance with the specifications of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, has been obtained, as well as other essentials such as large type books, a gray slate blackboard, 20' x 4', widely ruled non-glare paper, and special pencils. Mrs. Mary P. Farrell, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a master's degree, has had con-



siderable teaching experience, and has been engaged as teacher of this class. In addition to literary subjects, classes in the various crafts are available for these pupils, as well as the many recreational, athletic, and social activities which the school affords.

**POTTERY CLASS** Under the instruction of Miss Eleanor H. Lodholz, graduate of the Moore Institute Art, Science and Industry, the pupils have made very attractive ceramic pins and earrings. Some pieces have been done on the wheels, and others have been poured into the moulds. This form of creative expression, together with the training in the use of the hands affords a twofold outlet for our pupils.

**PHILODRAMA SOCIETY** The members of the Philodrama Society have been hard at work on the production of a play entitled "June Mad" by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements, which was presented very successfully on March 22 in the school auditorium. The pupils have handled the sale of tickets, the proceeds of which go to the Philodrama Society and the Athletic Association. They have also managed very well the presentation of the play and the advertising.

**WRESTLING** While every wrestling meet this season did not bring victory to our school, there were a number of good scores, and the boys maintained the high standards of other years. The score, 16-9, for Overbrook at the Maryland School for the Blind added another record for our team, making fifteen successive victories over that school. Overbrook defeated also Upper Darby High School and Haverford High School.

**IN APPRECIATION** I take the opportunity at this time to express my hearty appreciation to the members of the Staff for their loyal support and cooperation, realizing that in this way only is progress achieved. I wish to thank the Board of Managers also for their encouragement and careful supervision.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. COWGILL,  
*Principal.*

## The Home Teacher Training Course at Overbrook

Since 1924 the Overbrook School for the Blind has been cooperating with the Pennsylvania School for Social Work and other agencies in educating adult blind students to assist the blind in their homes, as home teachers or social workers with the blind. The American Foundation for the Blind is cooperating also with the Overbrook School in giving this course. Students come from many states throughout the country and after completion of their work here, find regular remunerative employment. Both the American Foundation and the Overbrook School, while assuming no definite responsibility, are always ready to aid graduates of these courses to secure positions for which they qualify.

The purpose of these curricula is to provide professional education for home teachers and social workers who show themselves qualified by personality and ability.

The curriculum for home teachers, Class I provides basic training and is open to visually handicapped students who have Junior standing in an accredited college. Facility in reading and writing braille and in typewriting are essential prerequisites as are also basic knowledge and skill in household activities and at least six crafts. This course leads to a certificate as Class I Home Teacher of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the Overbrook School.

The curriculum for home teachers, Class II is open to visually handicapped students who have graduated from an accredited college or university. This course requires two years for completion. Much emphasis is placed upon practice teaching of braille, typing, household arts, and at least six crafts. The second year of this course should be taken in an approved graduate school of social work. This course leads to a certificate as Class II Home Teacher from the Overbrook School and the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

Students who enroll at the Overbrook School are required to carry three types of work, *i. e.*,

1. Courses given at the School of Education or the Extension Department of the School of Social Work, of the University of Pennsylvania. At the first is given a course on "History and Philosophy of Work for the Blind" and "Diseases of the Eye and their Social Implications", as well as other courses in Sociology, Psychology, and Education. The courses in the Extension Department of the School of Social Work include "Attitudes and Behavior", "Social Case Work", "Medical Information I and II" and a study of related topics.

2. Field work including visits to institutions and agencies. At least one day a week is spent in field work under the supervision of such agencies as the Department of Public Assistance, and the State Council for the Blind. In all their visits to clients, students are taught to help the client to adjust himself to his handicap and to live as normal a life as possible. In addition all students visit such agencies



as the Social Service Exchange, The School of Occupational Therapy, the School for the Deaf, the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men and the Pennsylvania Industrial Home for Blind Women, and Valley Forge Hospital. In connection with these field trips and all other work, lectures are given throughout the year at Overbrook by outstanding workers in the field of work for the seeing and the blind. Students are encouraged to attend professional conferences, and to participate in community activities.

3. Practice Teaching and Practical Training. The Overbrook School provides refresher courses in the most important of those skills which a Home Teacher may be called upon to teach, such as braille, pencil writing, Moon type, the manual alphabet for the deaf-blind, household activities (for women) and household mechanics (for men). In addition, students are expected to fulfill the requirements in four prescribed crafts,—basketry, knitting, hand sewing, and machine sewing (for women), or woodworking (for men). The curriculum emphasizes supervised practice teaching of blind students in the Overbrook School. This includes the teaching of a variety of the skills and crafts listed above. Practice teaching when adequately supervised, is accepted for credit in the School of Education of the University of Pennsylvania.

The cost of the course totals \$1000. per year, \$600. for tuition and \$400. for board and room. This amount covers also laundry, reading service, guides, and travel expense to and from the University, and other educational and social agencies.



## Report of the Department of Research

SAMUEL P. HAYES, PH.D.

Director of Psychological Research

*September 1940–March 1945.*

In many ways the five years covered in this report have been the most fruitful of any period in our work. With headquarters at Perkins Institution, devoting his whole time to work for the blind, the writer has found it possible to carry forward various lines of research actively, and without interruption, and the increasing interest in the psychological approach shown by many schools has furnished a wealth of material for use in studies he has published in the *Outlook for the Blind and Teachers Forum* where the results at Overbrook are compared with those from other schools.

A report on the progress of testing in four fields—intelligence, achievement, aptitude, and personality—was presented at the Little Rock Convention. In achievement testing, we have attempted to keep pace with developments in schools for the seeing by adapting representative tests which seem suited to the blind and having them put into braille at the American Printing House. And now we have not only the excellent Stanford Achievement Series for Grades IV to Grades IX,

but a fine test in ten subjects to use at graduation from the elementary to the high school level, and two new tests for use in the high school (Myers-Ruch High School Progress Test and Sones-Harry High School Achievement Test). In these adaptations various devices have been introduced to make the tests more suitable for use with the blind; it is now possible to test even pupils who cannot read braille. Overbrook is always one of the first schools in which new tests are used, thus serving as a research laboratory in the development of tests to be used all over the country.

In the research upon intelligence tests for the blind, two important steps have been taken. The 1937 Terman-Merrill scales L and M have been combined into a very satisfactory year scale for the blind, distributed under the name, "Interim Hayes-Binet for the Blind, 1942". As we have kept the tests in the same year groups as when used with the seeing, the IQ we get is now directly comparable with seeing IQ's and is no longer a "blind IQ" of uncertain value. The need for this scale is fairly well indicated by the demand—all of the 5000 record sheets printed in 1941 having already been sold, more than half to clinics and institutions outside the field of work for the blind. The second important step has been the adaption and recommendation of the Wechsler-Bellevue Adult Intelligence Scale for use with older pupils and adults. This scale was standardized upon more than 1000 seeing adults, and so gives us a second method of measurement for our older children, with which to compare their results in the Interim-Hayes-Binet and the achievement tests in their school subjects.

Aptitude testing for the blind has at last taken on importance through the interest and enthusiasm of Dr. Neal Quimby and the Trainee Acceptance Center in Philadelphia. Dr. Quimby was quick to see that the Center, with its ample staff and facilities, and the large number of subjects available, both seeing and blind, presented the opportunity for which we had long been waiting. So after preliminary trials of tests, and conferences with Mr. Day and Mrs. Bauman at the Center, the older pupils from Overbrook were taken there for testing and their results compared with those of seeing and blind adults. Much work has now been done upon an interesting group of tests which may well serve as a nucleus for a series of measurements of aptitude which will be vocationally important to the adolescent and the adult blind.

The writer has visited Overbrook early each fall to plan the year's program, and generally has made a mid-winter and a spring visit. He has given one or two talks in chapel, discussed the latest testing activities and their results at teachers' meetings and given a talk to the Home Teacher Training Group on each of his visits.

The resident psychometrists who have carried on the actual testing in the school and handed in reports for study and interpretation have been: 1940-1—Miss Ruth Sargent; 1941-2—Miss Elizabeth Harvey; 1942-3—Mrs. Sylvia Zarus; 1943-5—Miss Edith Newlin.





Guidance in reading by a trained Librarian

## Library Report

The School Library supplements textbook instruction by providing additional material in carefully selected books and periodicals. There is also a recreational program—promoting enjoyment of reading and guiding away from the ephemeral toward the worth while in literature.

During the past school year our circulation was as follows:

Volumes of braille books—2627  
Volumes of braille periodicals—662  
Talking books—110.

Books added to the library.

Braille—61  
Talking Books—13.

Six book rests have been constructed which are used by pupils when selecting reading material, and these have proved to be very satisfactory. There are tables in the library which will accommodate seven pupils for reading during free periods. A small sound-proof room adjoining the library is used for reading the talking book during free periods. There are 24 talking book machines which are placed in classrooms, cottages and other rooms available for pupils.



The boys and girls have become very much interested in our acquisitions and make helpful suggestions concerning new books which are to be purchased. Many have now learned about the arrangement of the books and browse around the library by themselves. They are also acquiring the habit of coming to the library for reference work. This is being achieved through the cooperation of the teachers. When insufficient material is available in braille I supplement with that which we have in print and read it aloud. While this is not the most satisfactory arrangement, I feel that it is highly important for young people to acquire the library habit and as we secure more braille material they will be able to do a greater amount of work independently.

Each week some time is given to listening to the educational broadcasts or reading. I read stories—fairy tales, folk tales and the like—to the younger pupils. Selections for the older groups vary greatly, but they usually request something which is not available in braille—current events or new books—or I read material which has been embossed in order to interest pupils in continuing by themselves from the braille copy. One of the most important and enjoyable parts of our program is the informal discussions of our major and minor interests which lead to possibilities of broadening such interests through reading.

We appreciate the many generous gifts of books and periodicals and the expressions of interest which we have received.

ANNA FRANCES BURKE,  
*Librarian.*



# Enrollment for the School Year

*June 1, 1944—May 31, 1945.*

## *Girls*

Atwell, Dolores  
Baker, Eileen  
Baker, Mary  
Beckett, Ruth  
Bemesderfer, Hermine  
Bentz, Virginia  
Block, Bonnie Kay  
Bogner, Lorraine  
Boone, Edith  
Bossert, Janice  
Boyer, Anna  
Boyer, Blanche  
Brandt, Joyce  
Brosey, JoAnn  
Brown, Carrie  
Calapa, Grace  
Campbell, Mary  
Canamucio, Rosalie  
Carichner, Nadine  
Carpenter, Virginia  
Carson, Joyce  
Chambers, Ruth  
Coe, Carol T.  
Crow, Joan  
Dankel, Eleanor  
DeHaven, Catherine  
Denton, Vera  
Dreher, Dolores  
Dreher, Mary Ann  
Drill, Rita  
Eberly, Raye  
Engle, Fay  
Felicetti, Lillian  
Fern, Mary  
Ford, Peggy  
Frey, Florence  
Fuchslocker, Norma  
Gamble, Ruth  
Gariffo, Josephine  
Gilmore, Barbara  
Graham, Donna  
Graver, Alta Marie  
Griffiths, Fay  
Gulliford, Janice  
Harden, Doris  
Harmon, Retta  
Harris, Janet

Harry, Betty  
Hart, Marie  
Hershey, Joan  
Hill, Dorothy  
Jackson, Joan Dell  
Johnson, Florence  
Karamis, Mary  
Kavanagh, Therese  
Kester, Sarah  
Kreiser, Bessie  
Lennon, Claire  
Lenox, Adele  
Lerdal, Ruth  
Liney, Helen  
McCullough, Elizabeth  
McCullough, Helen  
Malatesta, Joan  
Manley, Alice  
Marconi, Frances  
Mitchell, Marlene  
Monroe, Murial  
Mumma, Audrey  
Nathaniel, Carrie  
Nice, Millicent  
Olson, Marilyn  
Pickett, Mary  
Pine, Barbara  
Pinion, Beatrice  
Pope, Thelma  
Presz, Catherine  
Prosser, Alma  
Pugliese, Kathryn  
Puller, Ruby  
Rager, Nancy  
Reale, Elvira  
Rice, Blanche  
Rich, Barbara  
Rigg, Ruth  
Ring, Mary Elizabeth  
Robinson, Lillian  
Saile, Nancy  
Sinnott, Claire  
Sirianni, Lena  
Smith, Alma  
Smith, Marjorie  
Smith, Mary Jeanette  
Smith, Sylvia  
Snyder, Therese

Sorber, Margaret  
Specht, Minnie  
Stanberry, Gretchen  
Stevenson, Barbara  
Strayer, Yvonne  
Suracci, Mary  
Trexler, Shirley  
VanDoren, Mildred  
Vicchiarelli, Jean  
Warburton, Marilyn  
Weisenborn, Gladys  
Worrell, Kathryn

## *Boys*

Adcock, Richard  
Alden, Howard  
Allen, Eldon  
Allwein, Herman  
Anderson, Edward  
Arndt, Marlyn  
Atkins, Lynn  
Austman, Albert  
Bailey, Dallas  
Barrall, James  
Barrett, William  
Bassler, Harry  
Bigger, Earl  
Boycheck, Michael  
Boyer, James  
Breidenstine, Allen  
Brownstein, Robert  
Burke, Nathan  
Burr, Charles  
Caldwell, James  
Cam, Marcialito F.  
Carpenter, Leroy  
Catlin, Bernard  
Chibbaro, Matthew  
Chrusch, Wassel  
Cicala, Joseph  
Clough, Roland  
Cobb, James  
Coleman, Robert  
Comp, Raymond  
Costello, Carmen  
Cox, Clarence  
Cox, Harry Leroy  
Cubler, Edward

## ENROLLMENT—*Continued*

DeCicco, Harold  
 DiPrizito, Anthony  
 Dixon, Thomas  
 Dowd, John  
 Edgerton, Arthur  
 Esposito, David  
 Evans, Walter  
 Farrell, William  
 Fegley, Harold  
 Floray, Albert  
 Flowers, Alfred  
 Foster, Alexander  
 Foster, Herman  
 Frack, Robert  
 Galante, Francis  
 Garnett, David  
 Garrett, Robert  
 Gillen, John  
 Gogolski, Leon  
 Gohl, Robert  
 Good, Alvin  
 Good, Thomas  
 Harmon, Henry  
 Hayden, Donald  
 Herrmann, George  
 Humm, Langdon  
 Jablonski, Frank  
 Jenkins, James  
 Jones, Theodore  
 Jopling, Ralph  
 Kapuchinski, John  
 Kauffman, Donald

Kerwell, George  
 Kettell, George  
 Key, William  
 Klinger, Ellis  
 Kotzer, Nicholas  
 Kozinski, Enoch  
 Laager, Edward  
 Landon, Allen  
 Lechner, Gordon  
 Linsinbigler, Arthur  
 Lutter, Rudolph  
 McDonald, Frederick  
 McDonald, William  
 McDowell, Michael  
 McErn, William  
 Mattern, Theodore  
 Matuszak, Joseph  
 Messenger, Theodore I.  
 Mikitka, John  
 Miller, James Ivan  
 Miller, James William  
 Moll, Robert  
 Muthard, William  
 Nowaczyk, Stanley  
 Noyles, Ralton  
 Orler, Thomas  
 Paul, John  
 Perese, Anthony  
 Perry, Joseph  
 Pouncy, Samuel  
 Pugh, John  
 Quill, Edward

Rounsavill, George  
 Rouscher, Stewart  
 Samworth, Charles  
 Schuman, Lewis  
 Sedmak, Velizar  
 Segal, Arthur  
 Serafin, George  
 Sipes, Gerald  
 Smith, Gary  
 Smith, Wylie  
 Smugeresky, Eugene  
 Stabelli, Joseph  
 Stauffer, Luke  
 Stocker, Clifford  
 Stonerod, Ralph  
 Strzalka, Matthew  
 Summers, Robert  
 Swoyer, Hugh  
 Thompson, Rudolph  
 Thompson, Terry Kriner  
 Turioscy, John  
 Vaughn, Nolan  
 Warren, Lloyd  
 Washy, Andrew  
 Waterstradt, Robert  
 Whitby, Thomas  
 Wiley, Kenneth  
 William, Eugene  
 Zazow, Alex  
 Zerr, George  
 Zoccola, Albert



# COMMENCEMENT

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH YEAR

## PROGRAM

Friday, June 16, 1944, 10.30 A. M.

### PROCESSIONAL

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

School and Audience

INVOCATION.....*Rev. C. E. Snowden*

CHORUS: "Hear My Prayer"

*Mendelssohn*

Obbligato: Marjorie Hackett

ESSAY: "Citizens in the World of Tomorrow" ....*Henry Kormanski*

SOLO: "The Cave".....*Schneider*  
Clarence M. Holloway

READING: "The Death Disk"

*Mark Twain*

Marjorie Hackett

SOLO: "The Way of June"..*Willoby*  
Helen Oxenford

ADDRESS: "The Challenge of Being an American".....*Rev. Imre Kovacs*

CHORUS: "Hallelujah Chorus".*Handel*

### PIANO ACCOMPANISTS:

Frances Marconi Catherine Presz  
David Garnett Thomas Good

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS, CERTIFICATES, AND AWARDS

CHARLES J. BIDDLE, *President*

SCHOOL SONG: "Overbrook"

*The School*

### RECESSIONAL

## GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1944

### ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

ROBERT J. HEINEMAN

Philadelphia, Pa.

CLARENCE M. HOLLOWAY

Philadelphia, Pa.

HENRY J. KORMANSKI

Hickoryville, Pa.

### GENERAL DIPLOMA

MARJORIE H. HACKETT

Boiling Springs, Pa.

HELEN V. OXENFORD..Birdsboro, Pa.

### VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE

LEONARD S. ALKSMANT

Plymouth, Pa.

JANICE E. BOSSERT

Trumbauersville, Pa.

CARMEN J. CREA....Carbondale, Pa.

WILLIAM H. MEECHAM

Philadelphia, Pa.

MARY R. D. PHILLIPS

S. Langhorne, Pa.

THELMA M. SHARP.Philadelphia, Pa.

ELIZABETH TITKO...Forest City, Pa.

### CLASS MOTTO

Visez haut, allez droit et tenez ferme  
(Aim high, go straight, and stand  
firm)

### COLORS

*Maroon and White*

### CLASS GIFT TO THE SCHOOL

*Bird Bath*

### CLASS OFFICERS

*President*.....Henry J. Kormanski  
*Vice-President*..Mary R. D. Phillips  
*Secretary*.....Helen V. Oxenford  
*Treasurer*....Clarence M. Holloway

## PRIZES

*J. Francis Fisher Prize for Scholarship* . . . . . Henry Kormanski

*Broken Memorial Prize for Spoken  
English . . . . .*Fay Engle

*Boys' Prize for Spoken English*

Theodore I. Messenger

*Girls' Prize for Spoken English*

Dolores Dreher

### Helper Braille Prizes

Charles	Samworth	\$3
Dolores	Dreher	\$2

*Winners of Interpretive Reading Con-*  
*test:*

First Prize.....Marjorie H. Hackett  
Second Prize.....Margaret J. Sorber  
Third Prize.....Therese A. Snyder

*Harrison Prizes for Industrial Work:*

Thelma Sharp      Theodore Jones

*S. Annie Williams Memorial Achievement Prizes:*

Margaret Sorber . . . . .	\$25
Dorothy Hill . . . . .	\$15
Peggy Ford . . . . .	\$5
Mary Fern . . . . .	\$5
James Jenkins . . . . .	\$25
Robert Gohl . . . . .	\$15
James Caldwell . . . . .	\$5
George P. Herrmann . . . . .	\$5

*John Forbes Gordon Prize in Pottery* .....Edward Nowak

*Neal F. Quimby Prize: Awarded by  
the Overbrook Athletic Association*  
John Kapuchinski

*J. Clarence Alexander Memorial Cup Contest*..Nathan Burke—26 points

*Judge Martin Cup Contest:*

Boys' Department  
Rudolph Thompson—18 points

Girls' Department  
Cottages E and D—8 points each

*Mark G. Danfield Music Prizes:*

Theory and Piano.	Raye Eberly	\$5.00
Sight Singing.	Herman Allwein	\$2.50

Piano and Appreciation	Thomas Good	\$5.00
Music Braille.....	J. I. Miller	\$2.50

Piano and Harmony	
William McDonald	\$5.00
Catherine Presz	\$5.00

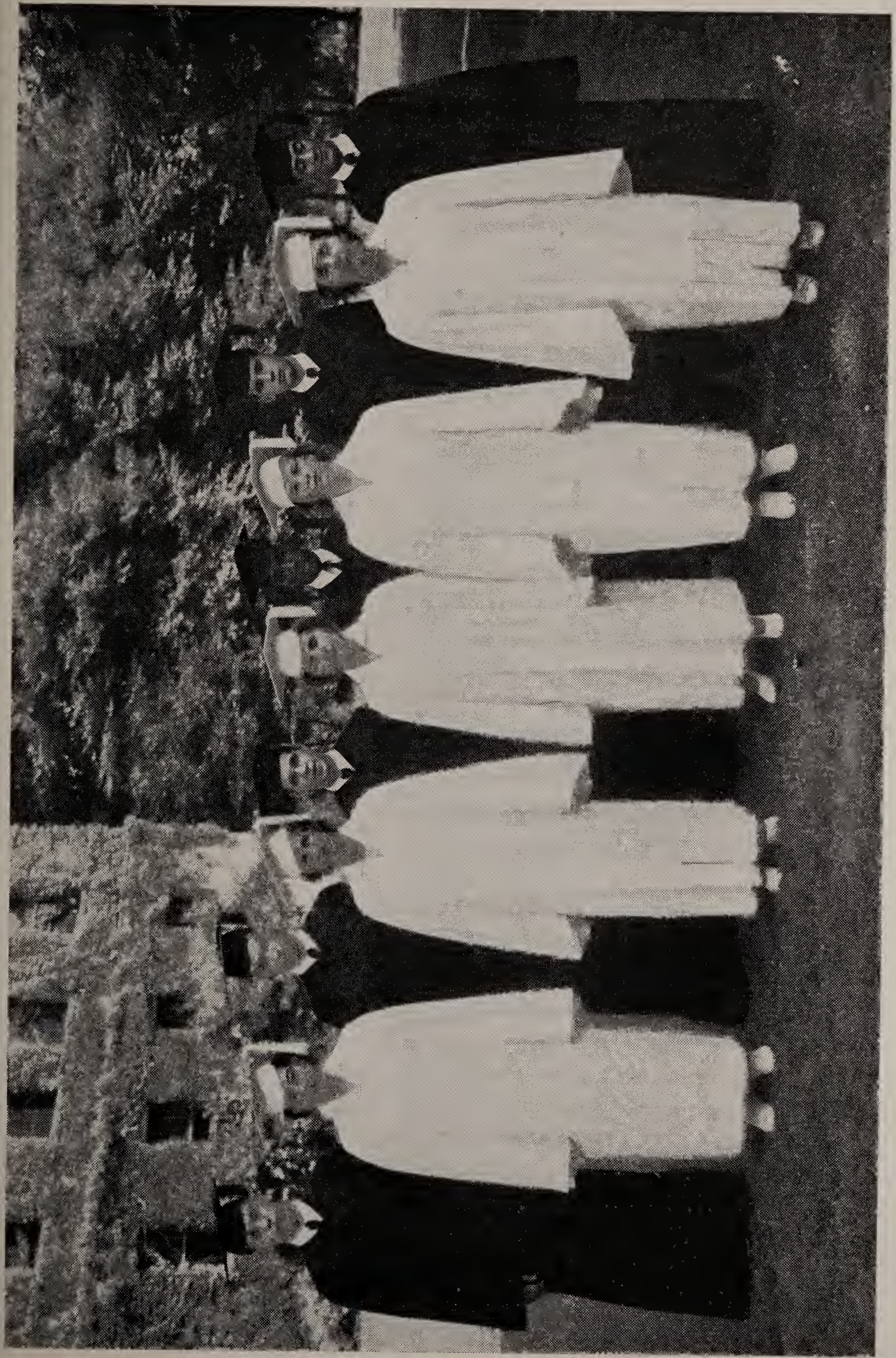
Piano and Voice		
Lorraine Bogner		\$2.50
Joan Malatesta		\$2.50

Piano		
	David Garnett	\$5.00
	Harold DeCicco	\$2.50
	James Jenkins	\$2.50

Voice		
	Marjorie Hackett	\$5.00
	Helen Oxenford	\$5.00
	Clarence Holloway	\$5.00
	Arthur Edgerton	\$2.50
	Betty McCullough	\$2.50

Elements of Music...Rita Drill \$2.50  
(Anonymous)





CLASS OF JUNE 1944



*William Chapin Memorial Prize:*  
Stanley Nowaczyk

*Florence and Morris Kohn Memorial:*  
Mary Fern                      Fay Griffith

*Henry Griffith Robbins Prize:*  
Bernard Catlin

*Graduated from High School:*  
Virginia Berger, Allentown High  
School

*Higher Education:*  
Librande P. Caltagirone, L.L.B.,  
Temple University  
Charles F. Hall, Class of '41, B.A.,  
Pennsylvania State College

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## Former Pupils Attending High Schools, Professional Schools and Universities

SEPTEMBER 1944-JUNE 1945

### G I R L S

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Special Form of Education</i>	<i>Year</i>
Deraco, Catherine . . . . .	Lebanon, Pa. . . . .	Lebanon Valley College . . . . .	Special Music Courses
Favinger, Marjorie A. . . . .	Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	Temple University . . . . .	Senior
Sattezahl, Helen L. . . . .	Lebanon, Pa. . . . .	Lebanon Valley College . . . . .	Junior
Sharp, Thelma M. . . . .	Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	Lebanon Valley College . . . . .	Freshman

### B O Y S

Barkovich, Ferdinand . . . . .	Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	University of Pennsylvania . . . . .	Senior
Barroll, Robert . . . . .	Palmerton, Pa. . . . .	Palmerton High School . . . . .	Senior
Edgerton, Arthur . . . . .	Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	Northeast Catholic High School for Boys . . . . .	Junior
Hall, Charles . . . . .	East Springfield, Pa. . . . .	Pennsylvania State College . . . . .	Graduate Work
Holloway, Clarence . . . . .	Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	Howard University . . . . .	Freshman
Hopkins, Blakeslee . . . . .	Clearfield, Pa. . . . .	Clearfield High School . . . . .	Senior
Kormanski, Henry . . . . .	Saxton, Pa. . . . .	University of Pennsylvania . . . . .	Freshman
Link, Charles . . . . .	Moorestown, N. J. . . . .	Moorestown High School . . . . .	Junior
Nowak, Edward J. . . . .	Nanticoke, Pa. . . . .	Bucknell Junior College . . . . .	Freshman

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## Overbrook Placement Service



O. E. DAY

Mr. O. E. Day, Placement Officer, of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, became a member of the Staff in September 1940. His job, in his own words, is "selling blind labor",—a kind of double-barreled proposition in which he must "sell" his sightless client on the amply demonstrated premise that his ability is limited only by his intelligence, and he must convince prospective employers on the equally sound premise that the blind can equal other industrial workers. Mr. Day declares, "Every production plant has processes which require manual dexterity only", and that sight is not essential for normal efficiency and safety.

An engineer blinded in an explosion several years ago, Mr. Day is familiar and sympathetic with the problems of the employment of those who are visually handicapped. Realizing that he must serve as an example of a blind employe when he goes job-hunting, he eschews even the use of a white cane. He goes everywhere alone, aided with a regular walking stick.

He asks no favors for his nonseeing clients. They must be able to compete in production with seeing people of their own experience, the essential thing being to place the nonseeing worker in the job he can do efficiently. If he proves unsatisfactory, a substitute must be provided. Business men must be impressed with the fact that if a blind man falls down on the job, it's not because he's blind, but because of many other elements that go to make up a human being.

Placement service is sponsored and supported by the Board of Managers of the Overbrook School. The work deals with the guidance, training, placement, and supervision of blind persons in competitive employment opportunities in business, industry, and the professions, and is without charge to employer or employe. While Mr. Day's first responsibility is to the students and the graduates of the school, no deserving and capable blind person has been refused assistance.

As a result of the experience of the past forty-five years, agencies for the blind can cite many instances where blind persons have been absorbed into ordinary industries, in which they have produced average results. It is the unalterable policy of our agency that all its sightless clients be employed on a basis differing in no respect from other workers, and according to the same salary scale.

In placing more than one hundred blind persons at work in this area, Mr. Day, without exception, has been able to satisfy each employer in regard to safety, rate of production, and efficiency. This has been true of organizations normally employing as few as twenty-five workers and with those having as many as sixty

thousand employes. Thus, blind persons have been enabled to meet their family and community responsibilities. Of the initial list of potential employers selected as sales' prospects, Mr. Day has been able to sell each and every one on the idea of utilizing capable, physically-blind labor.



## Industrial Training at Overbrook

### THE APPRENTICESHIP COURSE

In September of 1942, at the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, an experiment was begun in vocational rehabilitation which is unique in schools for the blind throughout the country. This experiment was a program for industrial training, incorporated into the curriculum and coordinated with the work of the placement officer of the school, Mr. O. E. Day.

Since the feeling of usefulness to society and the ability to support oneself and family are major contributors of individual happiness and social adjustment, no school which has the total good of its students at heart can disregard their preparation for self-supporting jobs. Our Placement Department has made a survey of the occupational opportunities available to the blind in the United States which reveals that 90% of the employed blind come within the following categories: clerical, sales, inspection, machine operation, and assembly. Of the total group 60% are employed as machine operators and inspectors.

To meet the trend of employment opportunities, we decided to enlarge the program already in operation by expanding the Training-Within-Industry Program wherever possible, and installing for instruction purposes at the school, tools, gauges, and machines which have a universal acceptance in general factory and industrial practices.

In matters of teaching, little help is available from public schools or other agencies since their material and instruction set-up are no more suited to the blind in an industrial department than that which is included in the academic department. Employment problems reveal that schools should be better acquainted with the requirements of employers, and in the preparation of the blind for industrial employment there must be a close cooperation with those responsible for such employment.

Some outstanding blind persons can be trained within industry at very little expense to the school as had been the case with students in the last two or three years. By far the greater number require a longer training period supervised by specialized personnel. For this reason the new industrial shop equipped with drill press, honing machine, hand milling machine, hand screw machine, Arbor press, foot press, incidental hand tools, and gauges, has been set up, and will accommodate the training of ten persons at any one time. As teacher of this

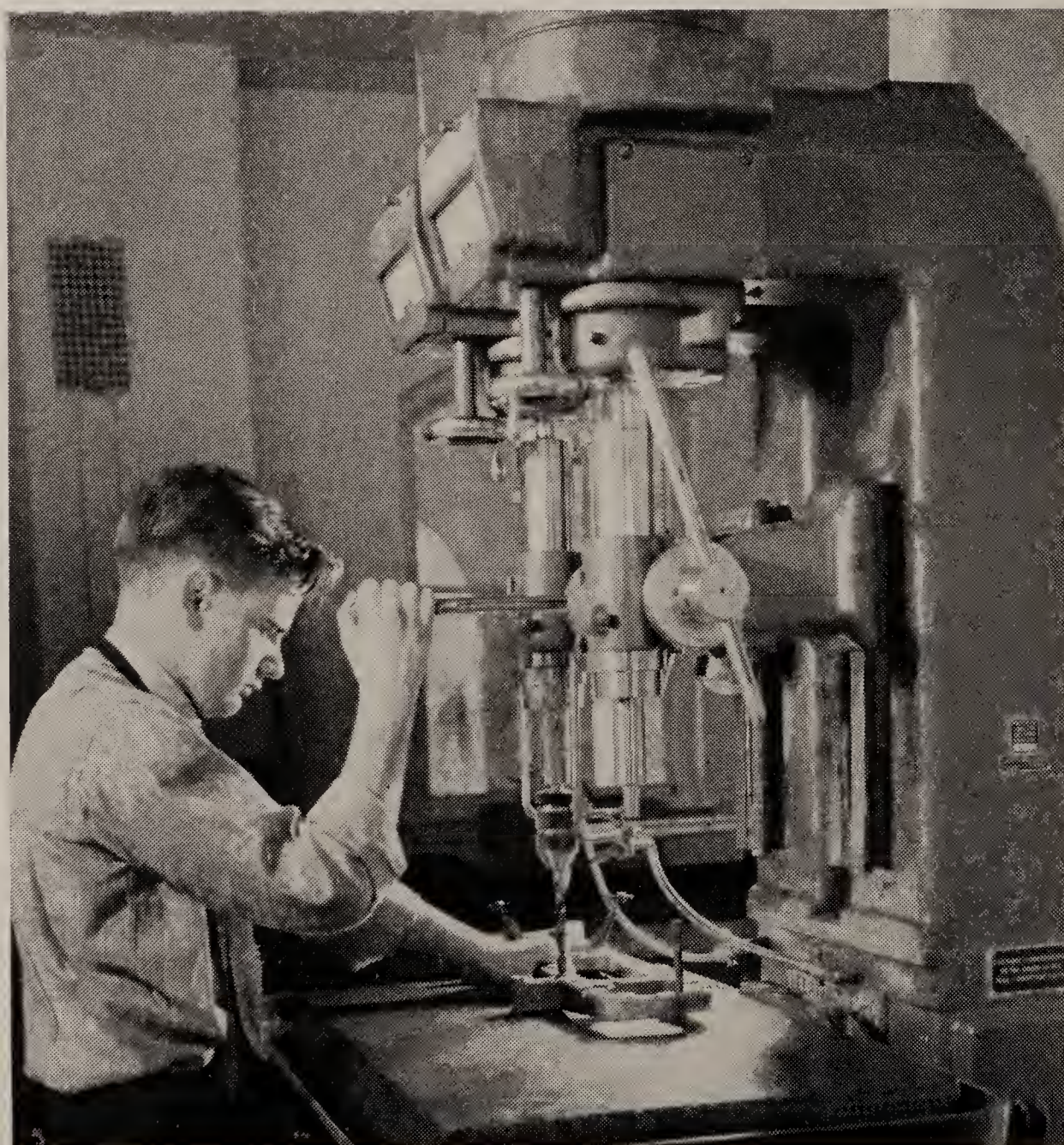
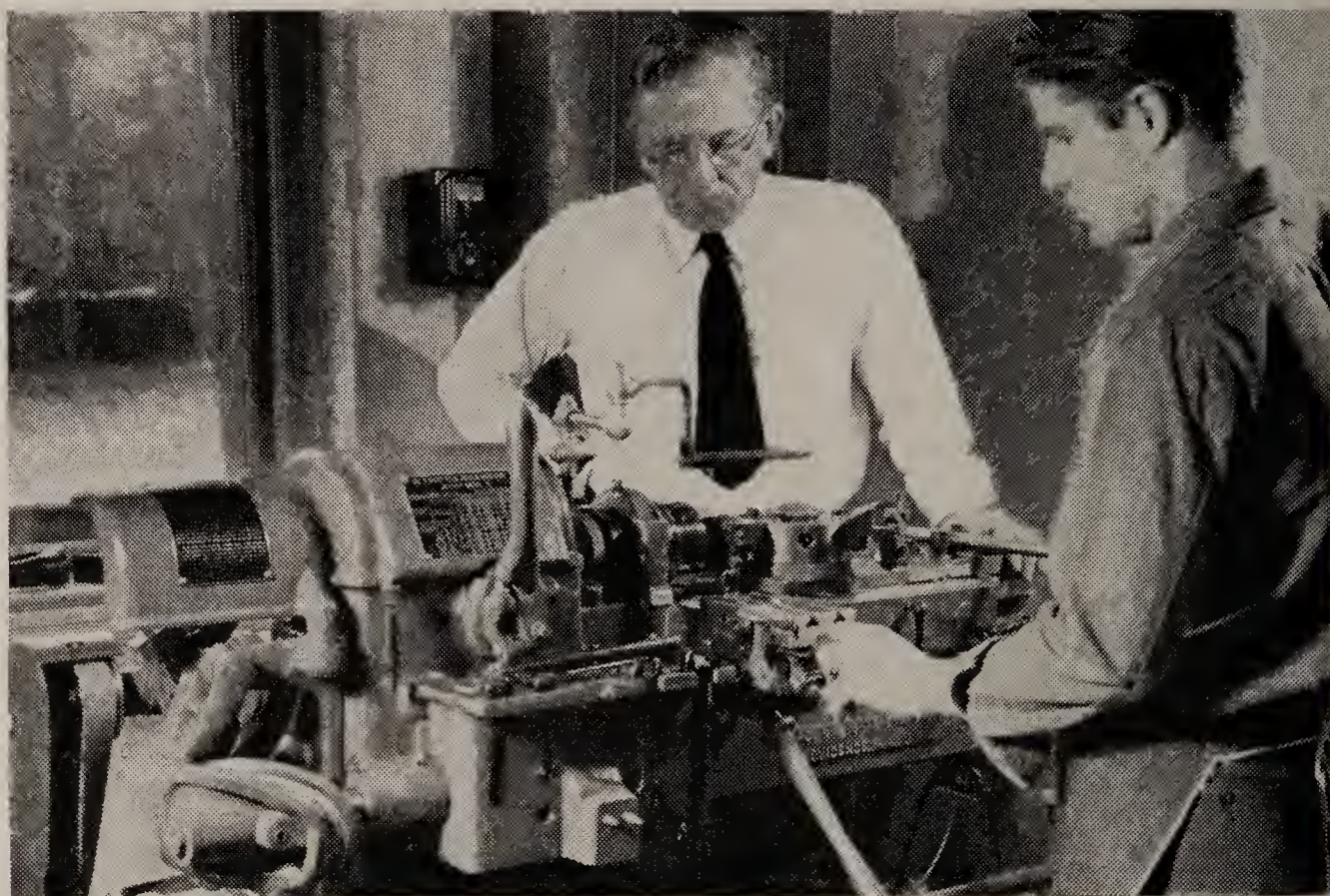


class, we were fortunate in securing Mr. Ralph A. Johnson, a full time instructor, who has had wide experience in industrial schools, and prior to his coming had been with the Dravo Corporation for two years.

Two courses of training are offered: (a) A four year course, totaling 540 hours for the freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. (b) A one year post-graduate course, totaling 540 hours, for adults. "The American Machinist's Handbook", and "General Shop Work", by C. C. Ashcroft and J. A. G. Easton are textbooks used, as well as other supplementary material.



Instruction  
on the Brown  
and  
Sharpe screw  
machine



Student  
operating the  
two  
spindle drill  
press



# THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND

BALANCE SHEET — MAY 31, 1944

## OPERATING FUND

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
CURRENT ASSETS:		CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Cash .....	\$ 29,896.71	Accounts payable .....	\$ 10,934.12
State aid and tuition receivable..	48,483.26		
Inventories .....	9,741.14		
	<u>          </u>		
INVESTMENTS, at book values:*			
Unrestricted funds .....	\$1,250,448.54		
Restricted funds .....	53,626.81		
	<u>          </u>		
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT .....	\$ 339,124.27	PRINCIPAL, per statement annexed:	
Less—Reserve for depreciation..	253,973.81	Unrestricted funds .....	\$1,546,194.49
	<u>          </u>	Restricted funds .....	69,667.90
			<u>          </u>
OTHER ASSETS:		Less—Deficit .....	\$1,615,262.39
Deposit in closed bank.....	\$ 865.93		134,107.22
Perpetual insurance deposit.....	11,753.94		<u>          </u>
	<u>          </u>		
PREPAYMENTS .....			1,481,155.17
	<u>          </u>		
	\$1,492,089.29		<u>          </u>
			\$1,492,089.29
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LAND AND BUILDINGS:		PLANT FUND	
Land .....		PRINCIPAL, per statement annexed.....	\$1,621,780.83
Land improvements .....	\$ 64,249.97	Less—Deficit arising from depreciation of plant fund, fixed assets.....	953,357.04
Buildings .....	1,386,870.53		
	<u>          </u>		
Less—Reserve for depreciation..	\$1,151,129.50		
	869,786.34		
	<u>          </u>		
	581,343.16		
	<u>          </u>		
	\$ 668,423.79		<u>          </u>
			\$ 668,423.79
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	\$2,160,513.08		<u>          </u>
			\$2,160,513.08

\*Included in these amounts are securities having a quoted market value of \$1,282,867 compared with a book value of \$1,215,024.

# THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL CHANGES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 1941, TO MAY 31, 1944

## OPERATING FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Balance, June 1, 1941.....	\$1,429,724.58	\$ 42,877.56	
Add:			
Bequests, contributions, legacies, etc.....	195,744.36	21,990.25	
Income added to principal.....		4,457.00	
Repayments received on loans to graduates.....		1,316.05	
Transferred from unrestricted funds.....		1,858.02	
	<u>\$1,625,468.94</u>	<u>\$ 72,498.88</u>	
Deduct:			
Loss on sale of investments.....	\$ 47,388.34		
Expenses charged to principal.....		\$ 1,770.98	
Loans made to graduates.....		1,660.00	
Transferred to restricted funds.....	1,858.02		
Transferred to plant fund—net.....	30,028.99		
	<u>\$ 79,274.45</u>	<u>\$ 3,430.98</u>	
Balance, May 31, 1944.....	<u>\$1,546,194.49</u>	<u>\$ 69,067.90</u>	\$1,615,262.39
Less—Deficit:			
Balance, June 1, 1941.....		\$134,341.66	
Add—Net operating fund loss, per statement annexed, for the years ended:			
May 31, 1942.....		705.68	
May 31, 1943.....		10,582.30	
		<u>\$145,629.64</u>	
Deduct—Net operating fund profit for the year ended May 31, 1944, per statement annexed.....		11,522.42	
Balance, May 31, 1944.....			<u>134,107.22</u>
Net operating fund principal at May 31, 1944, per balance sheet.....			<u>\$1,481,155.17</u>

## PLANT FUND

Balance, June 1, 1941.....	\$1,629,271.55
Add—Transferred from operating fund—net.....	30,028.09
	<u>\$1,659,299.64</u>
Deduct—Loss on sale of real estate.....	37,518.81
	<u>\$1,621,780.83</u>
Less—Deficit arising from depreciation of plant fund fixed assets:	
Balance, June 1, 1941.....	\$887,063.27
Add—Provision for depreciation, per statement annexed, for the years ended:	
May 31, 1942.....	21,977.22
May 31, 1943.....	22,549.60
May 31, 1944.....	21,766.95
	<u>953,357.04</u>
Balance, May 31, 1944.....	
Net plant fund principal at May 31, 1944, per balance sheet.....	<u>\$ 668,423.79</u>



THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

OPERATING FUND:			
Operating Income:	For the fiscal year ended May 31, 1944	For the fiscal year ended May 31, 1943	For the fiscal year ended May 31, 1942
Tuition:			
Pennsylvania .....	\$132,322.54	\$117,943.95	\$128,354.15
New Jersey .....	14,377.03	14,375.00	13,700.00
Delaware .....	2,789.75	2,889.25	2,476.50
Pay pupils .....	4,208.50	5,128.99	5,273.29
	<u>\$153,697.82</u>	<u>\$140,337.19</u>	<u>\$149,803.94</u>
Discount earned .....	361.22	539.46	763.31
Miscellaneous .....	698.36	700.28	1,026.25
	<u>\$154,757.40</u>	<u>\$141,576.93</u>	<u>\$151,593.50</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries and wages .....	\$117,098.31	\$117,122.09	\$106,070.34
Food .....	36,263.92	40,264.80	37,195.48
Supplies and expenses .....	19,902.66	20,562.79	29,555.04
Repairs and maintenance .....	7,314.99	6,927.36	13,180.20
Heat, light and power .....	10,873.16	9,912.14	9,697.90
	<u>192,353.04</u>	<u>194,789.18</u>	<u>195,698.96</u>
Net loss from operations before depreciation .....	\$ 37,595.64	\$ 53,212.25	\$ 44,105.46
Depreciation of operating fund fixed assets .....	4,869.25	4,931.32	4,692.87
	<u>\$ 42,464.89</u>	<u>\$ 58,143.57</u>	<u>\$ 48,798.33</u>
Net loss from operations .....			
Non-operating Income:			
Income from investments .....	\$ 52,192.45	\$ 52,048.55	\$ 50,934.73
Contributions received .....	7,742.20	798.00	3,696.10
	<u>59,934.65</u>	<u>52,846.55</u>	<u>54,630.83</u>
Non-operating Expenses:			
Finance committee .....	\$ 4,992.14	\$ 4,514.56	\$ 4,607.95
Financial campaign .....	745.35	457.33	877.62
Loss on capital assets scrapped .....	209.85	313.39	1,052.61
	<u>5,947.34</u>	<u>5,285.28</u>	<u>6,538.18</u>
Net operating fund profit or loss for the period, transferred to principal .....	\$ 11,522.42	\$ 10,582.30	\$ 705.68
PLANT FUND:			
Depreciation of reappraised value of plant fund fixed assets, charged to principal .....	21,766.95	22,549.60	21,977.22
Net loss for the period .....	<u>\$ 10,244.53</u>	<u>\$ 33,131.90</u>	<u>\$ 22,682.90</u>

## Acknowledgments

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts and services extended to the School:

Overbrook Lions Club, gifts of candy and oranges at Christmas time, and a substantial contribution toward equipment of new sight saving class.

Mr. Samuel Schuman, toys for the Primary School.

Mr. James McMeekin, puzzles for the children.

Mrs. Frank C. Norris, hard candies.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Griffith Robbins, victrola; gifts of candy, prizes, check of \$25 for new machine shop project.

Mrs. Philip E. Hughes, Overbrook Woman's Club, clothing.

Mr. Morris Kohn, \$100 in memory of Florence B. Kohn and Morris Kohn.

Mrs. Nathan Meyers, \$25 "to be used in whatever way seems best for the pupils".

Mr. James Cobb, gifts of oysters and clams.

Mrs. D. D. Wood, clothing.

Mr. Henry Burdette, clothing.

Mr. Alfred Manning, through Mr. Edward Marcu '20, Philadelphia Orchestra tickets for Senior Class.

Mrs. George S. Crompton, The Needlework Guild—Olney Branch—clothing.

Miss M. Louise Funk, The Needlework Guild—Fort Washington Branch—clothing.

Mrs. H. D. Stamen, clothing.

Mrs. Isidore Kohn, twelve season tickets for the Children's Concerts of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Mrs. E. E. Young, ticket for Blind Artists Concert.

Miss Sarah F. Crumb, ticket for Blind Artists Concert.

Mrs. William C. Melcher, ticket for Blind Artists Concert.

Dr. John B. Haney, plants.

Mrs. William Ross Harper, tickets for Philadelphia Orchestra.

And the following contributions for the Film Library:

South Philadelphia Lions Club.....	\$25.00
Logan North City Lions Club.....	25.00
Lions Club of Kensington.....	25.00
Central Lions Club.....	50.00
Lions Club of Frankford.....	40.00
Lions Club of Germantown.....	30.00
Lindley—Olney Lions Club.....	30.00
Lions Club of North Philadelphia..	25.00
Roxborough—Manayunk Lions Club	30.00
Stephen Girard Lions Club.....	30.00
West Oak Lane Lions Club.....	25.00

Total for Film Library..... \$335.00

Mrs. Dorothy Johnstone Baseler, tickets for the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Mr. J. Earl Simmons, Post 10, Sector 6, Zone 35, first aid equipment.

Mrs. Florence Moore, records.

Mrs. Walter C. Janney, gift of apples.

Mrs. R. N. Bailey, clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Motz, Jr., clothing.

Mr. Jack Reese, violin; lumber for wood-work shop.

Mrs. Janet Cooper, clothing.

Mrs. Frieda Thomas, clothing.

Mr. Earl Mason, clothing.

Germantown Friends School, valentines sent to the Primary School and cottages.

Philadelphia Lighthouse of the Blind, a play entitled, "The Third Floor Front" given in our auditorium; also a gift of braille calendars.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Haines, a puppet show.

Mr. Franklin L. Bettger, lecture in auditorium, "Enthusiasm".

Mr. Frank F. Rathmell, Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., supply of scrap metal for machine shop.

Mr. Russell M. Anderson, Lecture, "What Shall We Do With Germany After the War".

Mrs. E. C. Shearon, clothing.

Mr. Frank Williams, clothing.

Mr. Walter R. Coley, Vice President Leeds and Northrup, made special micrometers for the blind available.

Mr. Fayette R. Plumb, President Fayette R. Plumb Company, small tools.

Mr. Richard Nalle, Vice President Henry Disston & Sons, Inc., files.

Paul L. Goldstrohm, Vice President Brown Instrument Company, complete Oxweld burning and welding outfit for industrial shop.

Atlantic Refining Company, through Edward DeLoach, 55 gal. coolant, 5 gal. spindle oil.

Brown Instrument Company, scrap metal.

Robert Bundy, Vice President Federal Container Corporation, made available to industrial program certain assembly materials for instructional purposes.

Ellis A. Gimbel, yearly trip to the circus, which is so generously provided for the pupils.

Dr. Carroll S. Wright, 1 StrobLite 100 Watt Ultraviolet Projector Lamp.

We desire also to acknowledge our indebtedness to the many friends of the School who have contributed through the Financial Campaign; the Hull Fund; and to those who have provided magazines and other literature for the boys and girls, as well as many other pleasures; to the large group of volunteer readers who give their services to our teachers without sight, and to our pupils attending professional schools and universities; to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross; to those who have provided so many anonymous gifts, and to the Volunteers Service for the Blind.

## Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to "The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind", now located at 64th Street and Malvern Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the sum of..... Dollars, to be used for its general purposes.

Gifts by will to The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind are exempt from estate taxes imposed by the laws of the United States.

Contributions made in any year to The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind are deductible to the extent provided by law for Federal income tax purposes.





Report of the Managers  
of  
Overbrook School for the Blind

*1945-1946—1946-1947*

# Officers

## *Patron*

His Excellency, Governor James H. Duff

## *President*

Charles J. Biddle, Esq. (1916)

## *Vice-Presidents*

Nicholas G. Roosevelt	(1925)	James H. Robins	(1937)
Winthrop H. Battles	(1934)		

	<i>Secretary</i>		<i>Treasurer</i>
Philip Price	(1934)	Allston Jenkins	(1930)

## *Managers*

Charles P. Stokes	(1934)	John Forbes Gordon	(1941)
Edmund R. Purves	(1935)	George A. Robbins	(1942)
C. Townsend Ludington	(1935)	Mrs. Edward C. Page	(1946)
Edward Hopkinson, Jr.	(1937)	Mrs. Clarence H. Clark	(1946)
William T. Carter, II	(1940)		

Following the election standing committees were appointed:

## *Finance*

Charles P. Stokes	Allston Jenkins
Winthrop H. Battles	Philip Price
Edward Hopkinson, Jr.	

## *Instruction*

Winthrop H. Battles	C. Townsend Ludington
James H. Robins	John Forbes Gordon

## *Household*

Charles P. Stokes	George A. Robbins
Nicholas G. Roosevelt	Mrs. Edward C. Page
William T. Carter, II	Mrs. Clarence H. Clark
John Forbes Gordon	

## *Admission and Discharge*

George A. Robbins

## *Blind Students Self-Help Club*

William T. Carter, II

## *Council of Social Agencies*

Mrs. Edward C. Page



# Report of the Board of Managers

TO THE

Members of the Association  
and to the Legislature

This report contains much detail concerning the school. There are a few important developments, however, to which particular attention should be drawn.

The revision of curriculum content is well under way. Several courses have been rebuilt and two new ones added—massage and work in plastics, which will provide added vocational outlets for the student body. Other courses of study are in the process of revision and when completed will offer a modern pattern for the education of blind youth.

The Board of Managers has authorized a building program to provide a modern and adequate building for the kindergarten-primary school unit. This will permit the enrollment of more very young children who are awaiting admission and make available a building planned to offer safe, sanitary, and adequate classrooms, dormitories, and play rooms. In this connection, the Board has been assisted by numerous contributions from individuals and by the vigorous efforts of friends, and the lively interest of the Lions Clubs in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. These clubs have raised about 25 % of their goal of \$100,000. The total expense of the building project will probably reach \$250,000.

Nine young veterans, blinded in the recent war, have been enrolled by the Veterans Administration for various courses. In view of the adjustment program initiated and maintained by the Army and Navy hospitals, the service rendered these men at the school is purely educational, although the Surgeons General of the Army and Navy and the Veterans Administration have been assured by the school that it will do all in its power to assist the men who lost their sight in the defense of their country.

With the inception of the program of services offered the blind of the state by the Pennsylvania State Council for the Blind, Overbrook discontinued the services of a special placement officer, and instituted a co-operative arrangement with the Council. As a result, vocational advisory services and placement are available to boys and girls upon leaving school. Instead of the former placement service, a visiting teacher program was inaugurated with a three-fold goal: 1. To locate and register prospective pupils, includ-

ing a guidance service while awaiting entrance. 2. To provide a liaison service between home and school. 3. To offer a follow-up service for all graduates, including referrals to proper agencies for employment, medical service, social service, etcetera. Mr. Leroy Price, former student, was first employed in this position and rendered a valuable pioneer service during the eighteen months he was on the staff. This fall witnesses a new worker as Mr. Price has accepted employment with the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind.

During the war Overbrook was honored by having the principal selected by the Surgeon General of the United States Army to serve on the Honorary Civilian Advisory Committee for the War Blinded, which committee elected him secretary. After the war Mr. Cauffman was asked to remain on the committee which was continued for the blinded veterans by the United States Veterans Administration under General Omar Bradley. The committee is active and important in establishing policies for the administration of services to blinded veterans.

A total of two hundred and ninety-nine students were enrolled during this two-year period, with an annual average attendance of two hundred and forty. It is interesting to note that one of this number came from Porto Rico, one from Venezuela, and another from India.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. BIDDLE,

*President.*

IN MEMORIAM  
PIERCE A. CUMINGS  
1944-1946

It is with a sense of profound sorrow that the death is recorded of Mr. Pierce A. Cumings, a member of the Board of Managers.

Mr. Cumings was deeply interested in the work of educating the blind and in his death the school has sustained a grievous loss.



# Curriculum

## ELEMENTARY GRADES

Reading	English	Arithmetic	Health
Writing	Geography	Science	Physical Education
Language	History	Nature Study	Humane Education
Spelling	Braille	Crafts	Music
Grammar			Field Trips

## JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

English	Commercial	Manual	Music
Composition	Junior Business	Basketry	Chorus
Literature	Training	Brush Making	Choir
Grammar	Typewriting	Caning	Glee Club
Speech	Bookkeeping	Ceramics	Harmony
Speech Correction	Office Practice	Crocheting	Theory
Pencil Writing	Shorthand	Home Economics	History and
	Ediphone	Knitting	Appreciation
	Salesmanship	Leather Work	Instrument
Foreign Languages	Social Studies	Machine Shop	Organ
Latin	American	Magazine	Piano
French	History	Agency Management and	Voice
Spanish	Civics	Sales	Music Braille
German	Current Events	Massage	Special Activities
	Geography	Modeling	School Paper
Mathematics	History—	Plastics	Scouting
Algebra	Pennsylvania	Tennis Racquet	Dramatics
General	World History	Restringing	Dancing
Mathematics	Occupations	Sewing—	Swimming
Plane Geometry	Field Trips	Hand—	Intra-mural
Arithmetic	Tests and Measurements	Machine	sports (soft ball—bowling)
Health	Guidance	Weaving	Clubs (Hi-Y, Y-Teens,
Physical Education	Tests	Woodwork	Music, etc.)
General Science	Religious	Piano Tuning	Inter-scholastic
Biology	Instruction	Switchboard	sports (wrestling—track)
Physics	Orientation	Stand Operation	

# Report of the Principal

To the

## Board of Managers

*Gentlemen:*

In March 1946, during its one hundred and fourteenth year, the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind legally changed its name to Overbrook School for the Blind, by which name it had been popularly known for many years. This report gives in some detail the activities and trends in education of the blind as they have occurred at Overbrook School for the Blind during the years 1945-46 and 1946-47.

**CURRICULUM** The heart of any school program is the curricula. It is of primary importance and must be constructed to meet the needs of the pupil, the community, and at the same time face the future. Boys and girls trained in today's world must be equipped also to work and live successfully in the world of tomorrow. A vital concept of school curricula must provide for change and itself must be changing constantly. The Overbrook studies have been conducted by the Curriculum Director during the past biennium with these principles in mind. The administration is hopeful that the finished outlines may be of value both practically and inspirationally to other schools.

Revisions of mathematics, elementary language, and spelling courses are now complete, and are being tried in the classroom for a final check. Work on social studies, music, and science will be finished in the near future. Re-evaluation of courses is progressing also, and as a result, work in plastics and a course in massage will be added this school year. A special course in business practice, designed to meet the needs of a group of young service men, will be a further addition. It may well be that some traditional courses will receive less emphasis and that newer courses will develop in importance as their value is demonstrated.

The program of studies is on page 5.

**HOME TEACHER TRAINING COURSE** The first Home Teacher Training Course in America was initiated at the Overbrook School for the Blind in 1924. Two young women who became interested in preparing for social work among the blind constituted the first class.

The purpose of the course is to provide professional education for home teachers and other workers for the adult blind. During the years which have elapsed many students, both men and women, have availed them-



selves of this opportunity, and they have secured regular remunerative employment after completing their professional education. A record class of seventeen young adults from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Iowa, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Alabama, Texas, Maryland, Minnesota, Illinois, and Porto Rico was in attendance during the school year which closed in June 1947. Although no definite responsibility is assumed, the school is ready to aid graduates to secure positions for which they qualify.



Home Teacher Training Class—June 1946- September 1947

**VETERANS' TRAINING** The social adjustment program for blinded veterans conducted by the Army, Navy, and Veterans Administration has been well publicized. Many of the men, however, have returned to classrooms throughout America to complete their interrupted education. Nine such young men have been enrolled at Overbrook by the Veterans Administration under Public Law No. 16.

Under the contract with the Veterans Administration the following courses were approved: high school, commercial, piano tuning, home teaching, industrial (machine shop), stand operation, music, and home crafts. These men were enrolled in the following courses: 1—home teacher train-



ing; 2—high school; 2—piano tuning; 4—industrial. To date one veteran has completed his high school requirements and was a member of the 1947 graduating class. Because these men are adults they attended day classes as non-residents. It is a privilege to assist them in their effort to train themselves for economic and social independence; goals which are traditional at Overbrook.

**BLIND STUDENTS SELF-HELP CLUB** This student organization with multiple business interests is unique in schools for the blind. It provides training in the sale of student-made articles such as leather novelties, solicitation of magazine subscriptions, magazine agency management, vending stand operation, and the sale of greeting cards. It is a student co-operative with the motto "earn as you learn," and students may help themselves through college or secure funds to assist them in establishing a small business upon graduation. A loan and aid fund is administered by the club also for this purpose.

The club is organized under a Board of Directors consisting of pupils and teachers as provided for by a constitution approved by the Board of Managers. Regular reports are made to a committee of the Board of Managers and the accounts are audited monthly by the school auditors. Three employees of the club give full time to its business and training program.

The club had its origin many years ago under the sponsorship of Principal Emeritus A. G. Cowgill and was concerned with securing magazine subscriptions only.

**STAND OPERATION** The operation of vending stands has proven to be a very successful venture for many blind men and women. National Services for the Blind has for some years urged state commissions for the blind to expand this field. When the coming of peace made it possible and desirable, a training course of this kind was initiated at Overbrook. A fine set of fixtures designed especially for the location was purchased, and management of the business was entrusted to the Self-Help Club.

The Pennsylvania State Council for the Blind agreed to furnish instruction and supervision by its business counselor, and on January 30, 1946, the stand was opened. Although sales are limited to pupils, teachers, and employees, this new venture made a profit from the beginning; more important, to date nine boys have been trained in the principles and practice of small business operation. Candy, ice cream, and toilet articles are handled by these young business men to-be.





Successful Stand Operation

**VISITING TEACHER** In order to overcome the problems existing in a residential school due to distance between home and school, and the size of the area served, a visiting teacher service was instituted in October 1945. As the work has developed, three main divisions have emerged.

The first responsibility of the teacher is to arrange for the entrance at Overbrook of new pupils, and to follow their pre-school progress, thus making all of the school's facilities available to them and to the parents. Such a relationship tends toward making these early years as normal as possible, and the first years in school successful.

An important phase of the visiting teacher's work is visitation in the homes of the children, whether in Philadelphia or in outlying districts. Through such visitation a closer co-operation between home and school, and a better understanding of the problems of each has resulted.

The visiting teacher seeks also to serve all students, both present and past, in any capacity within the educational structure of Overbrook. Referrals to employment agencies, introduction to social groups, advice, and various other forms of assistance are included in this service.

A well-rounded program for a child's progress requires co-operation at all levels, and in the case of the handicapped child all avenues for his



development must be explored. The visiting teacher works closely with the pre-school division of the Pennsylvania State Council for the Blind, the home teachers, the public school authorities, medical groups, private organizations, and clubs interested in the blind, bringing all of the benefits of these groups to the child. In addition valuable information and guidance are brought to the classroom teacher and to the housemother.

It is not an exaggeration to call the visiting teacher the school's greatest single resource.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES** Schools are made or marred by their faculties. Overbrook has long been known for the high type teachers employed, and instructors from the north, south, east, and west have combined to bring the best in modern educational philosophy. The high quality of teachers, their long tenure in their positions, and the scholastic degrees which they have acquired have contributed to the fact that the approved lists on both state and national levels have contained the name of the Overbrook School for the Blind for many years.

Since June 1945 changes in staff have occurred as reference to the list of faculty and staff on pages 20 to 22 will indicate. Miss Augusta Horner for many years connected with the school as pupil and teacher resigned June 1946. Miss Anne V. Ward, teacher of braille for more than twenty years, retired, as did Miss Neale L. Maxwell, grade teacher, and Miss Sarah V. Long, commercial teacher. Mr. William T. Heisler accepted a position as principal of the Virginia School for the Blind. Other resignations are as follows: Miss Anna Frances Burke, Miss Lillian Bergerson, Mrs. Natalie Ruth Eiffer, Mr. Edward Garrett, Miss Emilie P. Hahn, Dr. Samuel P. Hayes, Mrs. Ruth Howes Heisler, Miss Doris L. Huffman, Mr. Ralph A. Johnson, Miss Mercedes Klug, Miss Elinor H. Long, Mr. Leroy Price, Mr. C. V. Shelnutt, Mr. Frederick Sponsler, Mr. Murray H. Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Sigafoos, Mr. Willard Weatherby, Miss Isamiah K. Stover, Miss Bernice E. Headings, and Mr. Harold W. Gilbert.

While the loss of these fine teachers is regretted, it is felt that the school has been fortunate in replacing them with equally well-qualified people who are maintaining the high standards of Overbrook.

**THE HULL FUND** A beautiful Plymouth station wagon is the result of this year's special project by Mrs. Eleanor Maynard Hull. This car, completely equipped, is ready for trips to concerts, museums, the zoo, etcetera. Such field trips are considered essential in the education of the

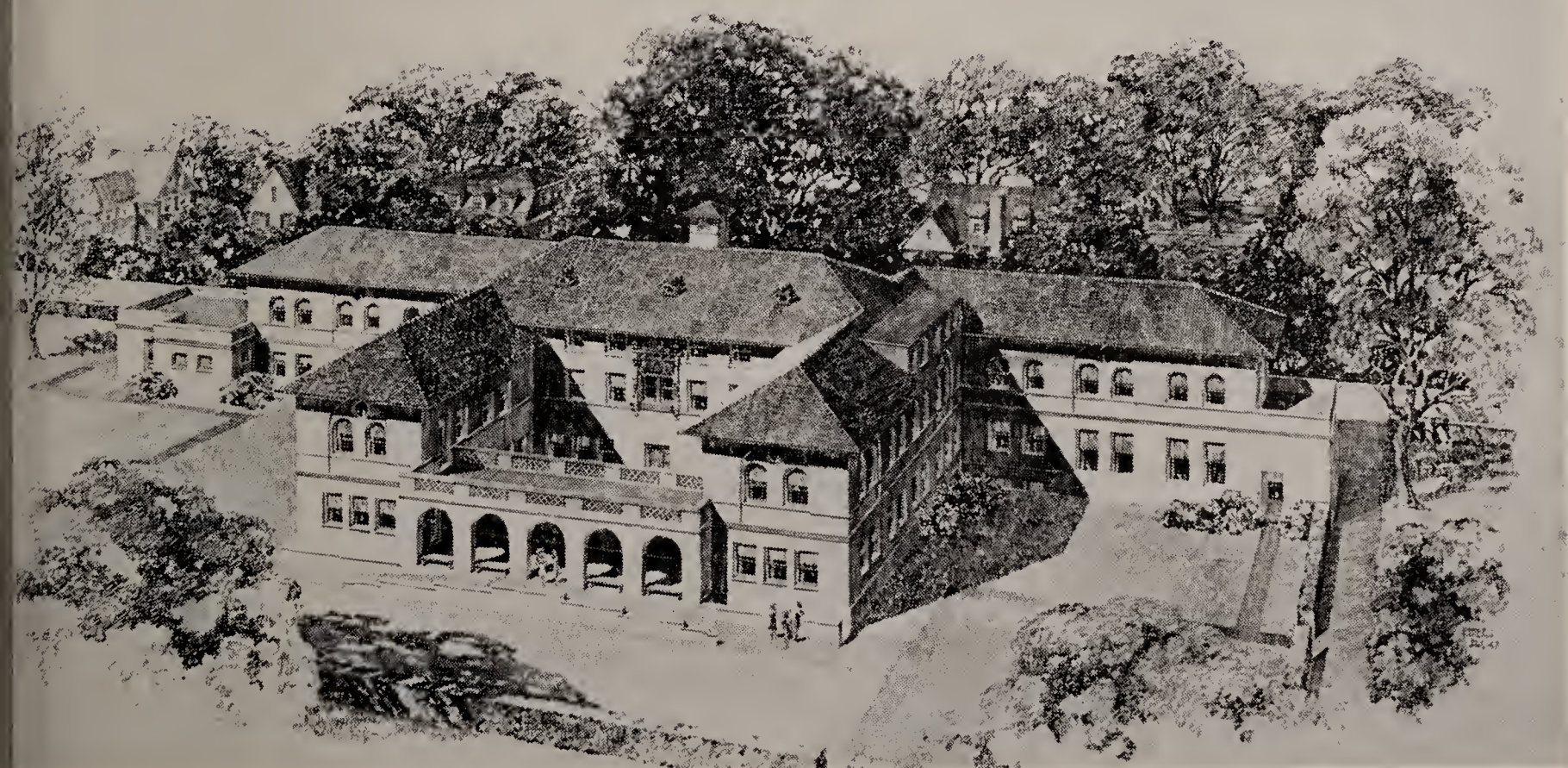


young blind, as they compensate to some degree for the lack of pictures and other visual materials. This magnificent addition to the school's equipment will make possible field trips for the entire student body.

For many years Mrs. Hull, through personal efforts, has raised funds for various activities which could not be financed in the usual manner. Among the projects in recent years which she has sponsored are: equipment for the ceramics department, movie and sound equipment, playground and activities equipment, additions to the loan fund, and a museum project.

**THE PROPOSED NEW KINDERGARTEN-PRIMARY SCHOOL** The kindergarten building erected fifty years ago has fulfilled its purpose well, but it is no longer suitable or adequate. The years have brought increased demand for schooling of the very young blind, and as a result it is necessary to utilize the basement playroom for the kindergarten class, a room not desirable for little people as a classroom. In like manner the dormitory space has become crowded making it essential to add both classrooms and living quarters.

Plans are under way to rebuild the present primary school to provide space on the first floor, a library for braille materials and talking books, classrooms for the kindergarten, first, second, and third grades, more adequate dining room and kitchen space, clinic, and sitting room, as well as



Proposed Primary School. Drawing by Zantzinger & Borie, Registered Architects.



for remodelling the dormitory space on the second floor. It is very desirable that building start as soon as conditions and finances permit.

Medical science is saving the lives of more very pre-mature babies than ever before. It is estimated by government authorities that 12% of these children are blind due to under development of the eye at the time of birth. This condition is retrolental fibroplasia, and it is playing an important part in the increased number of blind babies which are coming to the attention of schools for the blind—another reason for rebuilding the primary school unit at this time, as some of these children are already seeking admission, and are responsible for the waiting list at the kindergarten level. At least \$200,000 and probably \$250,000 will be required to make the necessary additions. Lions Clubs, members of the Alumni-Alumnae Associations, and the principal emeritus, in particular, are helping the Lions Clubs in their campaign to raise \$100,000 of the above amount.

**CERAMICS** The classes in ceramics have grown in enrollment and popularity. Lapel pins, vases, boxes, and other gift articles have received much favorable comment from the public. A new professional-sized kiln, a motorized wheel, and storage cabinets have been added to the equipment by the assistance of funds secured through the efforts of Mrs. Eleanor Maynard Hull.

Where public school children may use paints, crayons, and pencils as an outlet for the artistic and creative urge, ceramics fills the need for such expression in schools for the blind. The instructor, Miss H. Eleanor Lodholz, has made this course not only one of artistic value, but she has tied it in with a practical aim, that of placing the projects on sale. Overbrook is unique in offering this course to her pupils.

**HEALTH PROGRAM** A competent staff consisting of one attending physician, three consultants, a dentist, a registered nurse and an assistant nurse care for the health of the pupils and members of the staff. The health program may be divided as follows:

*Education for health:* The medical staff, teachers, and housemothers co-operate to educate the students in principles of hygienic living, as well as by giving specific instruction in physiology and physical education. Recreational activities are closely allied to this phase of the program.

*Physical examinations:* All pupils are given an annual physical examination. New pupils are thoroughly checked at the time of entrance. This





Operetta—"The Singing Eagle"



The Overbrook Choir



examination is made by the attending physician assisted by the nurse. Dental examinations are made in the same manner by the dentist. Defects discovered are treated by the staff physicians or referred for special attention.

*Prevention of Blindness:* Close co-operation with the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, the maintenance of a sight conservation class for children from rural areas where such classes are not available, and as much co-operation as is possible through the visiting teacher service, comprise Overbrook's program in the prevention of blindness.

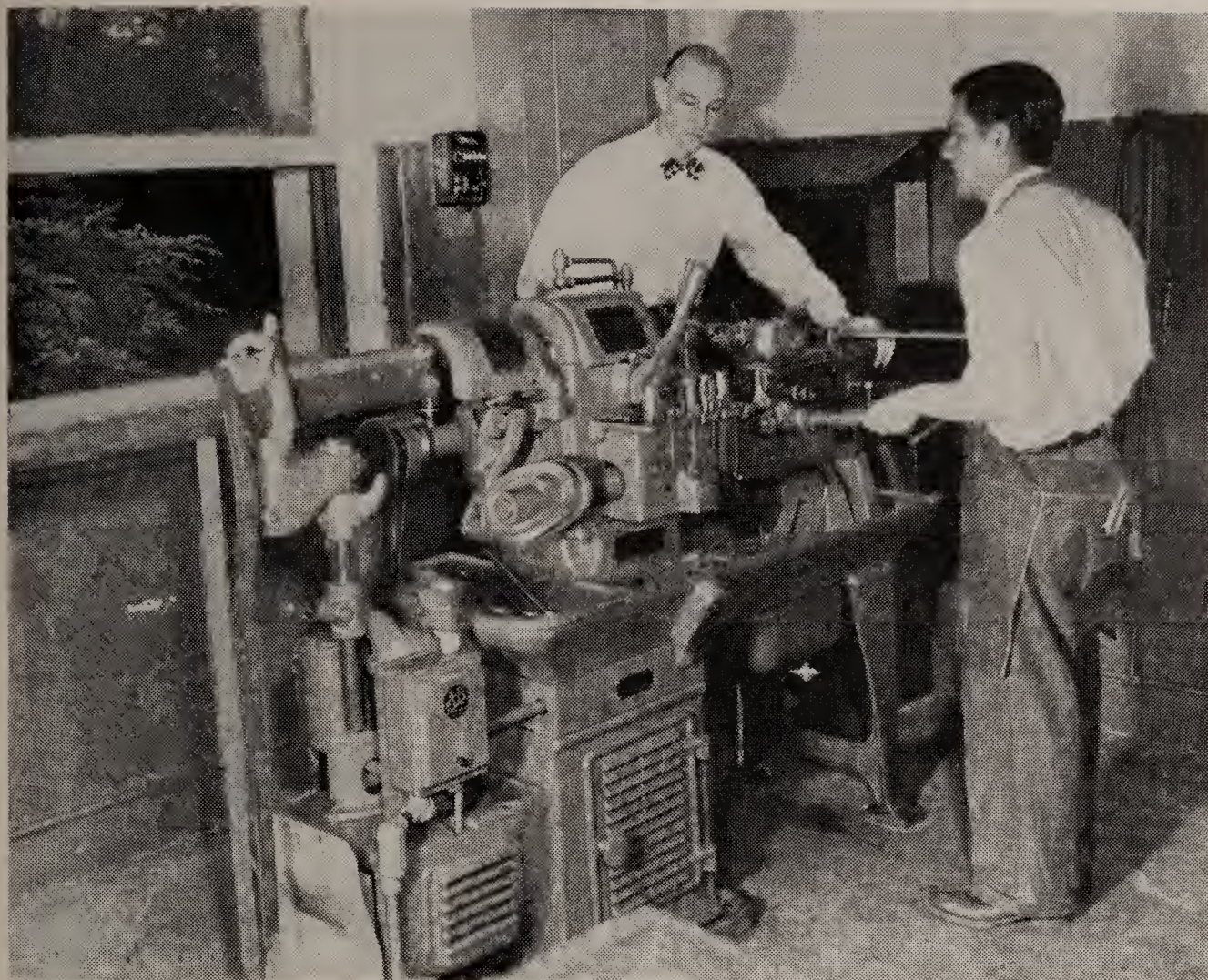
*Eye treatment:* The very best in ophthalmological service is available for the students. A famous ophthalmologist is a member of the medical staff, and a weekly clinic is held for examination and treatment. The Wills Hospital, with all its facilities, is available also. The ophthalmologist advises on the admission of pupils to the sight conservation class and follows their condition carefully, as they learn to use the large print materials.

*Medical attention:* From the beginning the by-laws of the school have provided that medicine and medical attention be furnished without cost to the parents or guardians. Where surgery or outside hospitalization is involved, such service is arranged for by consent of the parents or agency sponsoring the child. Co-operating hospitals and surgeons usually make a substantial reduction in cost.

*Tuberculosis Clinic:* During the year in co-operation with the Christmas Seals Fund, all pupils, members of the staff, and employees were x-rayed for tuberculosis. Overbrook was fortunate in finding the student body singularly free from this dread disease.

RESEARCH IN DEVICES FOR THE BLIND Mr. Frederick Sigafoos, instructor in the Machine Shop since September 1946, has done much research and experimental work in order to develop devices for the blind which can be manufactured at the school by the boys enrolled in the training course. To date he has produced a number of rules which he calls the "Measure Master Series," and which consists of a six-inch pocket click rule, a twelve-inch click rule with a marking gauge built in for woodworking, and a micro-rule. A concentric-eccentric centering device for either metal or woodwork, and four models of a collapsible, swagger, walking-stick and cane combination in stainless steel or in white baked-on enamel have been perfected. These valuable and useful devices are the forerunners of many





Student operating the Brown and Sharpe Screw Machine. No additional safety device has been attached.

helpful articles which will provide proper machine practice for students, and useful articles for the field at large.

**THE TOWERS** July 1946 introduced volume one, number one of a new public-relations pamphlet, "The Towers." It takes its name from the twin towers at the main entrance of the school, which, reminiscent of the towers of Santa Barbara Mission, dominate the neighborhood landscape in Overbrook. The publication carries an informative article regarding the field of service to the blind, another one specifically about the school and its policies, together with statistics and items concerning the Alumni, Alumnae, etcetera. It has been well received and many letters of commendation have reached the principal's office as well as requests to be put on the mailing list. A copy is enclosed in letters to patrons and it is also sent gratis to members of the profession. The Towers is published three times a year.

**PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** On November 6, 1946, the Private School Teachers Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity held its annual fall conference at Overbrook. A very large interested group was



in attendance. It was an honor to be host to this Association with which the school has long been affiliated.

ACTIVITIES The past biennium has been very, very busy from a social-cultural viewpoint. The choir has remained a very popular and successful feature of the music department and of the school in general. More requests for concerts were received than could be granted. However, the choir did appear before four student assemblies, and gave sacred programs for five churches, taking part also in the Philadelphia Music Festival with other school choirs, and by going to the Gimbel auditorium during the Week for the Blind. The usual recitals and musicals were given in the school auditorium and proved to be a credit to the teachers and music department.

Instruction in instrumental music was undertaken, and preliminary work has paved the way for an ensemble and a small orchestra in the near future. Mr. Horace E. Pike, of the Temple University music department, is in charge of this venture.

In May 1947 two performances of the operetta in two acts, "The Singing Eagle," composed by Mr. Harold W. Gilbert and libretto by his daughter, Kathryn Gene Raney, were given. The operetta was a great success and was a credit in every way to Mr. Gilbert and Miss Huffman, dramatics teacher, who coached the action.

Two plays have been produced by Miss Doris L. Huffman during the past two years—"Berkeley Square" and "The Late Christopher Bean." These plays were given with a professional finish that is unusual for youthful players.

Chapel programs have been enriched by many outstanding visiting speakers. Among many the names of Dr. Milton Harold Nichols, Dr. Jessie Royer-Greaves, and Mr. George Fryer, rank high.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haines brought their marionettes to enliven the Christmas season. "Hansel and Gretel" and "The Nutcracker Suite" met with an enthusiastic response.

The choir of Upper Darby High School, the Yeadon High School chorus, the orchestra from Haverford High School, and the band from Lower Merion High School also entertained the pupils.

The Alumni Association under direction of President H. Griffith Robbins presented a series of success talks by the following members: Dr. Frank Miller, Chester Bodzio, Russell Bowers, Raymond Smythe, Arthur Copeland, Raymond Munis, and Richard Roller.



A dress  
for the  
Junior Prom



The  
Rhythm Band



The Alumnae Association has been represented also in chapel programs by Miss Marion Kohn, Miss Helen Scherer, Mrs. Helen Kaploniak Wimley, Mrs. Ida Bradford, Miss Delphine Desio, etcetera. A graduate recital was given by Miss Claire Lennon, dramatic soprano.

Nine schools for the blind—Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, New York State School, New York Institute for the Education of the Blind, Connecticut School for the Blind, Perkins, and Overbrook—formed an organization known as the Eastern Athletic Association of Schools for the Blind. A wrestling meet was held in Baltimore in March 1947. Overbrook won this tournament, but in the track meet held at Overbrook in May, Virginia won first place.

The girls of Overbrook sponsored the first inter-school "Play Day" since the war. Girls from Perkins, Maryland, New York Institute, and Western Pennsylvania spent a week-end of good fellowship and play with the girls of this school.

Scouting activities for boys, girls, and cubs were carried on as usual with older boys and girls, each having a camp experience in the fall.

Two new campus organizations made their debut, the boys' Hi-Y and the girls' Y-Teens. These groups sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. have provided social training and service opportunities for the older students.

The Junior classes of '46 and '47 entertained the seniors at a formal Junior Prom during the spring seasons. The Girard College orchestra furnished the music for both occasions.

Other class activities, while not unusual, provided the student body with a full social life.

During the period of this report, Mrs. Isidore Kohn presented tickets for the Children's Concerts at the Academy of Music. Pupils also attended the Youth Concerts, the Children's Theatre, and other concerts of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

This biennium has been marked by good health, vigorous enjoyment of life, and satisfactory educational progress of the pupils.

With the ever welcome, kindly direction of the Board of Managers, the continued interest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the support of the Alumni and Alumnae Associations, together with the friendship of our many patrons, Overbrook will continue its outstanding service to blind youth.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEF G. CAUFFMAN,

*Principal.*



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Class of  
June 1947



# Faculty and Staff

1947-1948

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*Principal*

Albert G. Cowgill, A.B., B.S.  
*Principal Emeritus*

Helen E. Richman  
*Secretary to the Principal*

## ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kerr, B.S., M.S.  
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*Curriculum Director*

Phyllis M. Conner, A.B.  
*English, French, Spanish*

\*Mae Davidow, B.A.  
*Mathematics*

Arthur E. DeSimone, A.B.  
*Dramatics, Speech Correction*

Mary P. Farrell, B.S., M.S.  
*Sight Saving Class*

Mary C. S. Henry, B.S.  
*Commercial Subjects*

Yolande C. Judge  
*Sixth Grade*

Burleigh D. Koenemann, B.A., M.A.  
*English, Latin, German*

Patrick V. Maley, A.B.  
*Science, Mathematics*

Constance Morey  
*Sixth Grade*

Florence F. Paulmier, B.S.  
*Commercial Subjects*

Clara F. Pollock  
*Third Grade*

\*Ida E. Price  
*Braille, Spelling, Reading*

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*Junior High School—Social  
Studies, English*

L V Silvis, A.B., M.A.  
*Special Class, Advanced  
Mathematics*

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*Braille Coach*

Dorothy E. White, B.S.  
*Fifth Grade*

Helen Louise Wood, A.B.  
*Fourth Grade*

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Supervisor, Second Grade*

Mildred L. Shorpp, B.S.  
*Kindergarten*

Mildred M. Norris, B.A.  
*First Grade*

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kerr, B.S., M.S.  
*Director*

Carl A. Kredatus, B.S.  
*Boys*

Flora E. Twaits, B.S.  
*Girls*

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\*Defective Vision



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

†Harry N. Becker  
*Choir Director*

†Elsie E. Bruggeman  
*Piano*

†Dorothy L. Cage  
*Junior Chorus, Glee Club*

\*William Currlin  
*Tuning*

\*C. Robert Ege  
*General Chorus, Organ*

\*Edythe Morris  
*Music Braille, Braille Library*

†Horace E. Pike, B.S., Ed.M.  
*Instruments*

\*Catherine E. Presz  
*Assistant*

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\*Margaret Deaver, B.S.  
*Sewing, Basketry, Crocheting*

\*Byron Elder, B.A.  
*Woodwork, Plastics*

\*Herbert Hartung  
*Caning, Allied Arts*

\*Agnes Locuson  
*Weaving, Knitting*

†H. Eleanor Lodholz, B.F.A.  
*Ceramics*

Frederick Sigafos  
*Machine Shop Instructor*

\*S. May Singletary, B.S.  
*Home Economics, Sewing*

## LIBRARY AND PRINTING OFFICE

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*Librarian*

\*Dorothy Barnard  
*Library Clerk*

Samuel Norman  
*Stereotyper*

\*Ida E. Price  
*Finger Proof Reader*

## PUPIL PERSONNEL

Emily R. Cautilli  
*Registrar*

Helen Farrar  
*Visiting Teacher*

Edith Newlin, B.S., M.A.  
*Psychometrist*

## HOME TEACHER TRAINING

Amey E. Watson, Ph.D.  
*Co-ordinator*

Margaret Shimizu  
*Secretary to Co-ordinator*

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

David Q. Ewing, M.D.  
*Physician*

Wilfred E. Fry, M.D.  
*Ophthalmologist*

William Hewson, M.D.  
*Laryngologist*

E. P. Corson-White, M.D.  
*Pathologist*

Franklin K. Dennis, D.D.S.  
*Dentist*

Carroll S. Wright, M.D.  
*Dermatologist*

Edith Woodward  
*Registered Nurse*

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†Part-time

\*Defective Vision

Katharine Ottinger  
*Assistant to Nurse*

#### TELEPHONE OPERATORS

\*Raye H. Eberly  
\*Agnes Locuson  
\*Dorothy Barnard  
\*Catherine E. Presz  
Older Students

#### HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT

Gladys L. Webber  
*Steward*  
Dorothy Anderson  
*Accountant*  
Mary C. S. Henry  
*Assistant Bookkeeper*  
Marie A. Thomson  
*Matron*  
Elizabeth Mitchell  
*Housekeeper*  
James F. Crane  
*Custodian, Buildings*  
Michael Cronin  
*Chief Engineer*

#### BLIND STUDENTS SELF-HELP CLUB

Oma Gorenflo  
Linda G. Patton  
Ruby Cahoon

#### HOUSEMOTHERS

##### Senior

Frances Carey  
*Girls*  
Elizabeth W. Sigafoos  
*Boys*  
Grace Groby  
*Boys*

##### Intermediate

Lillian Cole  
*Girls*  
Helen Mooney  
*Boys*

##### Junior

Izora Roush  
*Girls*  
Emma P. Cole  
*Boys*  
Dorothy Carlson  
*Relief Housemother*

##### Primary School

Edna I. Furphy  
*Girls*  
Lillia DeLong  
*Boys*  
Isabelle Newcomb  
*Relief Housemother*

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Junior Town Meeting of the Air broadcast from Auditorium, Overbrook boy with dark glasses participating

### *Calendar for the School Year 1947-48*

September 10.....	Opening of School term
November 25.....	Annual Play, Classes Close 4.15 P. M.
	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 1.....	Classes resume
December 18.....	Christmas Program, Classes Close 4.15 P. M.
January 5.....	Pupils return
January 6.....	Classes resume
March 18.....	Easter vacation begins, Classes Close 4.15 P. M.
March 30.....	Pupils return
March 31.....	Classes resume
May 1.....	Junior Prom—Spring Formal
May 25.....	Spring Concert
June 6.....	Baccalaureate, 4 P. M.
June 11.....	Commencement, 10.30 A. M.

# OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1947

## ASSETS

### CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash .....	\$ 19,673.10	
Tuition and state aid receivable. ....	57,593.30	
Inventory of supplies.....	9,081.15	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 86,347.55

### INVESTMENTS, at book values:\*

Unrestricted funds .....	\$1,328,585.85	
Restricted funds .....	72,200.50	
	<u>          </u>	1,400,786.35

FURNITURE, FIXTURES, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.....	\$ 353,836.83	
Less—Reserve for depreciation.....	256,522.42	
	<u>          </u>	97,314.41

### LAND AND BUILDINGS:

Land .....	\$ 87,080.63	
Buildings .....	\$1,459,831.44	
Less—Reserve for depreciation.....	935,175.22	
	<u>          </u>	524,656.22
	<u>          </u>	611,736.85

### OTHER ASSETS:

Perpetual insurance deposit.....	\$ 16,995.44	
Prepaid insurance .....	3,859.89	
	<u>          </u>	20,855.33
		<u>\$2,217,040.49</u>

\* Includes securities having a quoted market value of \$1,369,519 compared with a book value of \$1,321,469.



OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1947

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES :

Accounts payable ..... \$ 31,154.79

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTED TO THE SCHOOL :

Unrestricted funds .....	\$1,649,659.48	
Restricted funds .....	72,200.50	
Plant fund .....	611,736.85	
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	\$2,333,596.83	
Less—Deficit from operations to May 31, 1947.....	147,711.13	
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		2,185,885.70

\$2,217,040.49

# OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	For the fiscal year ended May 31,		
	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>
OPERATING INCOME :			
Tuition :			
From state appropriations.....	\$152,290.35	\$169,325.26	\$182,158.77
From private pupils.....	7,301.50	9,214.00	16,605.50
Discounts on purchases.....	394.74	376.53	513.94
Miscellaneous .....	43.80	930.97	1,550.70
	<u>\$160,030.39</u>	<u>\$179,846.76</u>	<u>\$200,828.91</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES :			
Salaries and wages.....	\$131,920.69	\$144,006.13	\$149,722.35
Food .....	38,659.84	42,512.98	52,110.55
Repairs and maintenance.....	8,828.17	7,693.36	9,637.62
Heat, light and power.....	10,454.25	11,068.48	19,434.09
Other supplies and expenses.....	27,671.65	26,487.99	35,970.46
Depreciation of furniture, machinery and equipment.	4,348.04	4,395.98	4,790.59
	<u>\$221,882.64</u>	<u>\$236,164.92</u>	<u>\$271,665.66</u>
Net operating loss.....	<u>\$ 61,852.25</u>	<u>\$ 56,318.16</u>	<u>\$ 70,836.75</u>
NON-OPERATING INCOME :			
Income from investments and trust estates.....	\$ 50,765.67	\$ 51,464.68	\$ 59,401.71
Contributions, after deducting campaign expenses...	6,378.00	4,641.88	2,751.31*
	<u>\$ 57,143.67</u>	<u>\$ 56,106.56</u>	<u>\$ 62,153.02</u>
Net loss for the period before depreciation of buildings .....	\$ 4,708.58	\$ 211.60	\$ 8,683.73
DEPRECIATION OF APPRAISAL VALUE OF BUILDINGS			
AT AUGUST 31, 1926**.....	<u>21,770.48</u>	<u>21,785.84</u>	<u>21,832.56</u>
Net loss for the period after depreciation of buildings .....	<u>\$ 26,479.06</u>	<u>\$ 21,997.44</u>	<u>\$ 30,516.29</u>

\* Decrease in contributions to operating fund is attributable to increased contributions to new building fund.

\*\* Charged to plant fund.



# OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CAPITAL CONTRIBUTED TO THE SCHOOL

FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 1945, TO MAY 31, 1947

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Plant Fund
Balance, May 31, 1944.....	<u>\$1,546,194.49</u>	<u>\$69,067.90</u>	<u>\$668,423.79</u>
ADD:			
Bequests, legacies, contributions, etc.....	\$ 92,043.89	\$21,873.14	
Profit on sale of investments.....	20,094.46	532.61	
Income added to capital.....		3,153.46	
Loans repaid by graduates.....		363.05	
Transfers from unrestricted funds.....			\$ 6,701.94
Transfers from New Building fund.....			2,000.00
	<u>\$ 112,138.35</u>	<u>\$25,922.26</u>	<u>\$ 8,701.94</u>
DEDUCT:			
Adjustment of cost basis of investments received by gift to market values.....		\$14,256.03	
Loss on sale of investments.....	\$ 1,105.49		
Transfers to restricted funds.....	865.93		
Transfers to plant fund.....	6,701.94		
Equipment, prizes, etc., charged to capital.....		8,358.63	
Loans made to graduates.....		175.00	
Depreciation of buildings.....			\$ 65,388.88
	<u>\$ 8,673.36</u>	<u>\$22,789.66</u>	<u>\$ 65,388.88</u>
Balance, May 31, 1947.....	<u><u>\$1,649,659.48</u></u>	<u><u>\$72,200.50</u></u>	<u><u>\$611,736.85</u></u>

# Student Enrollment 1945-46—1946-1947

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Alden, Howard	Montgomery
Allen, Eldon	Tioga
Allwein, Herman	Lebanon
Anderson, Edward	Philadelphia
Angiolillo, Richard	Philadelphnia
Arndt, Marlin	Lancaster
Atkins, Lynn	New Jersey (State)
Atwell, Dolores	Delaware
Austmann, Albert H. T.	Philadelphia
Baker, Eileen Ann	Philadelphia
Bailey, Dallas	Delaware (State)
Barrett, William	Philadelphia
Barwosky, Ida May	Philadelphia
Bassler, Harry	Luzerne
Becker, Rose Mary	Schuylkill
Beckett, Dora	Philadelphia
Bemesderfer, Hermine	Dauphin
Bentz, Virginia	Bucks
Berberick, Frederick	Northumberland
Bethea, Flora Belle	New Jersey (State)
Bigger, Earl	Delaware
Block, Bonnie	Dauphin
Bogner, Lorraine	Lebanon
Boone, Edith	New Jersey (State)
Boyer, James	Philadelphia
Boychak, Michael	Schuylkill
Bowder, Patricia	India (Country)
Brandt, Joyce	New Jersey (State)
Brewer, Hazel	Chester
Brosey, Joan	Lancaster
Brown, Carrie	Philadelphia
Brownstein, Robert	Philadelphia
Bruce, Dorothy	Delaware (State)
Burke, Nathan	Philadelphia
Burkhart, Eugene	Blair
Burr, Charles	Tioga
Butz, James	Perry
Caine, Anne	Philadelphia
Calapa, Grace	Philadelphia
Caldwell, James	Erie
Cam, Marcialito	Philadelphia
Campbell, Mary	Delaware
Cardozo, Allister	Philadelphia
Carichner, Nadine	Luzerne
Carpenter, Leroy	Lancaster
Carson, Joyce	New Jersey (State)
Catlin, Bernard	Dauphin
Cavna, Lester	Lancaster
Celauro, Anthony	New Jersey (State)
Chabin, Evelyn	Schuylkill
Chambers, Ruth	Philadelphia
Cicala, Joseph	Luzerne
Claffey, Edward	Delaware
Clark, Donald	Connecticut (State)
Clemson, Edgar	Montgomery
Clough, Roland	Philadelphia
Cobb, James, Jr.	New Jersey (State)
Coe, Carol Tenbrook	Philadelphia
Coleman, Robert	Franklin

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Comp, Raymond	Perry
Cox, Clarence	Columbia
Crow, Joan	Delaware (State)
Damico, Charles	Philadelphia
Dankel, Eleanor	Lehigh
Davis, Gary	Lancaster
Day, Harold	Lycoming
Day, Raymond	Delaware
DeCicco, Harold	Lackawanna
DeHaven, Catherine	Adams
DePrizito, Anthony	New Jersey (State)
Dixon, Thomas	New Jersey (State)
Dowd, John, Jr.	Schuylkill
Dreher, Dolores	Philadelphia
Dreher, Mary Ann	Philadelphia
Drill, Rita	Philadelphia
Dutill, Dorothy	Bucks
Eberly, Raye	York
Elam, Houston	Montgomery
Engle, Geraldine	Delaware
Esposito, David	Philadelphia
Euerle, Albert	Philadelphia
Evenson, Lorene	New Jersey (State)
Fair, Nadine	Adams
Fegley, Harold	Berks
Felicetti, Lillian	Philadelphia
Fern, Mary	Dauphin
Fidler, Richard	Philadelphia
Floray, Albert	Baltimore, Md.
Flowers, Alfred	Berks
Ford, Peggy	Philadelphia
Foster, Arline	Delaware
Foster, Alexander	Philadelphia
Foster, Harry	Delaware
Frack, Robert	Lehigh
Frey, Florence	Northampton
Fuchslocker, Norma	Montgomery
Furtak, Henry	New Jersey (State)
Galante, Francis	Luzerne
Gamble, Ruth	Dauphin
Gamble, Sara	Dauphin
Gariffo, Josephine	Philadelphia
Garnett, David	Philadelphia
Garrett, Frank Karl	Bucks
Garrett, Robert	New Jersey (State)
Gillen, John	New Jersey (State)
Gilmore, Barbara	Philadelphia
Gogolski, Leon	Lackawanna
Good, Alvin	Lancaster
Good, Thomas	Philadelphia
Graham, Donna	Dauphin
Graver, Alta Marie	Lancaster
Griffith, Fay	Lancaster
Gulliford, Janice	Luzerne
Hamblin, William	New Jersey (State)
Hampton, Shirley	Luzerne
Harden, Doris	Dauphin
Harmon, Retta	Philadelphia
Harney, Joseph	New Jersey (State)



<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Hartman, Donna Lee .....	Lehigh
Harris, Clyde .....	Perry
Harris, Janet .....	New Jersey (State)
Harry, Eliz. ....	Chester
Hayden, Donald .....	Delaware
Hayworth, Martha .....	Montgomery
Herrmann, George .....	Dauphin
Hill, Dorothy .....	Lycoming
Humm, Lanny .....	Philadelphia
Iamurri, Joseph .....	Philadelphia
Jackson, George .....	New Jersey (State)
Jamison, Leslie .....	Philadelphia
Johnson, Florence .....	Philadelphia
Jopling, Ralph .....	Montgomery
Kapuchinski, John .....	Luzerne
Karamis, Mary .....	Philadelphia
Kavanagh, Therese .....	Philadelphia
Kennedy, William .....	Philadelphia
Kerstetter, Wayne .....	Dauphin
Kerwell, George .....	Lycoming
Kester, Sarah .....	Schuylkill
Key, William .....	Philadelphia
Klinger, Ellis .....	Dauphin
Kotzer, Nicholas .....	Lackawanna
Kozinski, Enoch .....	Northumberland
Kreiser, Bessie .....	Dauphin
Kroeger, Alice .....	Philadelphia
Kulick, William .....	Northumberland
Lennon, Claire .....	Philadelphia
Lenox, Adele .....	New Jersey (State)
Liney, Catherine .....	Chester
Liney, Helen .....	Chester
Linsinbigler, Arthur .....	Bucks
Lutter, Rudolph, Jr. ....	Philadelphia
McClarigan, Jere .....	Lancaster
McCullough, Eliz. ....	New Jersey (State)
McCullough, Helen ...	New Jersey (State)
McDonald, Frederick .....	Philadelphia
McDonald, William .....	Philadelphia
McDowell, Michael .....	Berks
McErn, William .....	Lycoming
McNulty, Eleanore .....	Luzerne
Macuch, John .....	Luzerne
Malatesta, Joan .....	Philadelphia
Manley, Alice .....	Berks
Marino, James .....	Philadelphia
Mattern, Theodore .....	Lackawanna
Merrill, Albert .....	Northumberland
Messenger, Theodore .....	Philadelphia
Mikitka, John .....	Philadelphia
Miller, James I. ....	Delaware
Miller, James W. ....	Lancaster
Mitchell, Marlene ....	New Jersey (State)
Moll, Robert .....	Northampton
Monroe, Muriel .....	Delaware
deMonteverde, Beatriz. Venezuela (Country)	
Moore, Ruth .....	Philadelphia
Mumma, Audrey .....	Dauphin
Murray, Charles .....	Delaware (State)
Muthard, William .....	Philadelphia
Nathaniel, Carrie .....	Chester
Neiman, Edgar .....	York

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Nelson, Clarence .....	Philadelphia
Nornhold, James .....	Dauphin
Nowaczyk, Stanley .....	Philadelphia
Noyles, Ralton .....	York
Orler, Thomas .....	Montgomery
Patterson, Betty .....	Franklin
Paul, Jack .....	Philadelphia
Perella, Bernard .....	Chester
Petrillo, Anna .....	Delaware
Perese, Anthony .....	Philadelphia
Perry, Joseph .....	New Jersey (State)
Pheian, James .....	Delaware (State)
Pierce, Therese .....	Philadelphia
Pine, Barbara .....	New Jersey (State)
Pine, Richard .....	New Jersey (State)
Pinion, Beatrice .....	Chester
Pouncy, Samuel .....	Philadelphia
Presz, Catherine .....	Delaware
Priefert, William .....	Philadelphia
Prosser, Alma .....	Lackawanna
Pugliese, Kathryn ....	New Jersey (State)
Quill, Edward .....	Bucks
Rager, Nancy Lee .....	Mifflin
Ready, William .....	Schuylkill
Reale, Elvira .....	Philadelphia
Rice, Blanche .....	Chester
Rich, Barbara .....	Delaware
Ridley, Helen .....	York
Ring, Mary Eliz. ....	Delaware (State)
Robinson, Lillian .....	Chester
Ronan, Joseph .....	Delaware
Rose, Shirley .....	Wayne
Roseling, Norma .....	Philadelphia
Rounsavill, Geo. ....	Bucks
Rouscher, Stewart .....	York
Saile, Nancy .....	Carbon
Samworth, Charles .....	Chester
Schuman, Lewis .....	New Jersey (State)
Scott, James .....	Cumberland
Segal, Arthur .....	Berks
Sheets, Paul .....	Philadelphia
Shuey, Verdun .....	Northumberland
Sinnott, Claire .....	Delaware
Sipes, Gerald .....	Franklin
Smith, Alma .....	Montgomery
Smith, Gary .....	Chester
Smith, Hilda Fay .....	Kentucky (State)
Smith, Marjorie .....	Philadelphia
Smith, Mary Jeanette .....	Lehigh
Smith, Sylvia .....	Philadelphia
Smith, Wiley .....	Bucks
Smugeresky, Eugene .....	Lackawanna
Snyder, Therese .....	Lackawanna
Snyder, Richard .....	Somerset
Sorber, Margaret .....	Wyoming
Specht, Minnie .....	Mifflin
Spayd, May .....	Lehigh
Spicer, Frank .....	New Jersey (State)
Stabelli, Joseph .....	Philadelphia
Stauffer, Luke .....	Lancaster
Stewart, Alexander .....	Schuylkill
Stocker, Clifford .....	Northampton

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Strzalka, Matthew .....	Wayne
Suracci, Mary .....	Luzerne
Swoyer, Hugh, Jr. ....	Berks
Taylor, Harold .....	Philadelphia
Terres, Richard .....	Delaware
Thompson, Rudolph .....	Philadelphia
Thompson, Terry .....	Franklin
Trexler, Shirley .....	Lehigh
Turioscy, John .....	Northampton
Vandenbord, Marcella .....	Carbon
VanDoren, Mildred .....	Lehigh
Vicchiarelli, Jean .....	Philadelphia
Wahl, Dorothy .....	Philadelphia
Walsh, Thomas .....	Luzerne

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Warburton, Marilyn .....	Bradford
Washy, Andrew .....	New Jersey (State)
Waterstradt, Robert, Jr. ....	Philadelphia
Weatherby, Alice .....	Delaware
Webster, Leroy .....	New Jersey (State)
Weisenborn, Gladys .....	Luzerne
Westley, Follmer .....	Northumberland
Whitby, Thomas .....	Delaware (State)
Wilus, Norman .....	Philadelphia
Young, Theodore .....	Clinton
Zazow, Alex .....	Philadelphia
Zemonick, Paul .....	Centre
Zoccolo, Albert .....	Cuba (Country)

<i>Home Teachers</i>	<i>State</i>
Dykema, Dorothy .....	Illinois
Favinger, Marjorie .....	Pennsylvania
Griffis, Gretta .....	Kansas
Lane, Mary Louise .....	Texas
Payant, Lorraine .....	Michigan
Beavers, Lucille .....	Alabama
Canacari, Antoneeta .....	W. Virginia
Dickson, Lawrence .....	Minnesota
Garrison, Lucille .....	Texas
Kennen, Richard .....	W. Virginia

<i>Home Teachers</i>	<i>State</i>
Moreno, Jose .....	Puerto Rico (Country)
Montague, Helen .....	Illinois
Noone, Eileen .....	Philadelphia
Schaub, Dorothy .....	W. Virginia
Scrobe, Livia .....	New York
Smith, Ruth Jane .....	Ohio
Terrien, Alice .....	Massachusetts
Zack, Charles .....	Illinois
Zerr, George .....	Armstrong

<i>Practice Teacher</i>	<i>State</i>
Kruse, J. Henry .....	New Jersey

<i>Veterans</i>	<i>State</i>
Craddock, Jodie .....	Mississippi
Cowsert, Harris .....	Oklahoma (U. S. Navy)
Crumrine, B. Eugene .....	Maryland
Groom, Charles .....	Missouri

<i>Veterans</i>	<i>State</i>
Martinez, Geo. ....	Colorado
McDonald, John .....	Alabama
Padgett, Jack .....	Kentucky
Robinson, Chief Will J.,	Tennessee (U. S. Navy)
Wenger, Harry .....	New Jersey
Zinkyvick, Michael .....	Massachusetts

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Sincere appreciation is extended to the many interested friends who have contributed the following:

Money  
Clothing  
Candy, fruits, and similar treats  
Toys  
Circus, baseball, and football outings  
Radios

Pianos  
Room furnishings  
Furniture  
Playground equipment  
Concert, lecture, and theater tickets  
Braille magazine subscriptions  
Talking books  
Musical programs in the Auditorium  
Shell collection  
Scrap books



## Principals of Overbrook School for the Blind

Julius R. Friedlander . . . . .	1832-1839	Dr. William Chapin . . . . .	1849-1888
Dr. Joshua Rhoads . . . . .	1839-1842	Frank Battles . . . . .	1888-1890
David B. Tower . . . . .	1842-1844	Dr. Edward E. Allen . . . . .	1890-1907
Dr. John A. Vaughan . . . . .	1845-1847	Dr. Olin H. Burritt . . . . .	1907-1936
Joseph R. Fry . . . . .	1847-1849	Albert G. Cowgill . . . . .	1936-1945
Josef G. Cauffman . . . . .	1945-		

### Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to "Overbrook School for the Blind," now located at 64th Street and Malvern Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the sum of . . . . . Dollars, to be used for its general purposes.

Gifts by will to Overbrook School for the Blind are exempt from estate taxes imposed by the laws of the United States.

Contributions made in any year to Overbrook School for the Blind are deductible to the extent provided by law for Federal income tax purposes.





Report of the Managers  
of  
Overbrook School for the Blind

*1947-1948*

# Officers

## *Patron*

His Excellency, Governor James H. Duff

## *President*

Charles J. Biddle, Esq. (1916)

## *Vice-Presidents*

Nicholas G. Roosevelt	(1925)	James H. Robins	(1937)
Winthrop H. Battles	(1934)		

## *Secretary*

Philip Price (1934)

## *Treasurer*

Allston Jenkins (1930)

## *Managers*

Charles P. Stokes	(1934)	John Forbes Gordon	(1941)
Edmund R. Purves	(1935)	George A. Robbins	(1942)
C. Townsend Ludington	(1935)	Mrs. Edward C. Page	(1946)
Edward Hopkinson, Jr.	(1937)	Mrs. Clarence H. Clark	(1946)
William T. Carter, II	(1940)	Rudolph S. Rauch	(1948)

Following the election standing committees were appointed:

## *Finance*

Charles P. Stokes	Allston Jenkins
Winthrop H. Battles	Philip Price
Edward Hopkinson, Jr.	

## *Instruction*

Winthrop H. Battles	C. Townsend Ludington
James H. Robins	John Forbes Gordon
	Mrs. Clarence H. Clark

## *Household*

Charles P. Stokes	George A. Robbins
Nicholas G. Roosevelt	Mrs. Edward C. Page
William T. Carter, II	Mrs. Clarence H. Clark
John Forbes Gordon	Rudolph S. Rauch

## *Admission and Discharge*

George A. Robbins

## *Blind Students Self-Help Club*

William T. Carter, II

## *Council of Social Agencies*

Mrs. Edward C. Page



# Report of the Board of Managers

TO THE

Members of the Association  
and to the Legislature

THE increased student per capita by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has made it possible for us to make some much needed repairs and improvements in the physical plant and surroundings. New concrete walks have replaced the old brick paths; front steps have been placed at the main entrance and the old irregular and badly worn ones removed; panic bars have been attached to doors in the cottages and the auditorium to eliminate fire hazards. The general efficiency of the culinary department has been increased by the installation of electric refrigeration in both the pantry and storerooms. Classrooms have been redecorated and a generous supply of paint has been used to cover floors and walls throughout the buildings. This work will continue and the coming year will witness the completion of these necessary details so essential in the efficient running and upkeep of a school.

To care for a large waiting list of young children, the Board of Managers has been busy with plans for the erection of a new primary school. After completion by the architects, the detailed plans for the new building were submitted to a number of contractors for bids. Because of the present exorbitant building prices, the cost of the proposed new building was far in excess of what had been contemplated, and the plan to rebuild has been abandoned for the present. A residence adjoining the school grounds has been purchased for the principal which he and his family will occupy after renovations. The present residence of the principal will be used as a dormitory for the senior boys, and Friedlander Hall will care for the needs of the first and second grades. In this way, at a fraction of the cost, many additional pupils can be provided for, and thus relieve the present pressure.

There have been no serious epidemics during the year, and the health of the pupils and members of the faculty as a whole has been good. Under the very capable supervision of the health staff each child has had a complete physical examination and has been immunized or vaccinated. Corneal

transplants on both eyes of one pupil enabled him to return to his home and to attend public school.

Provision for the physical needs of the children as well as for their mental growth and progress is a constant source of concern to the Board of Managers. Recently the entire food situation was reviewed by a member of the Drexel staff. Her report was very gratifying and it was encouraging to know that she considered the food "Good, nutritious, and in sufficient quantity for growth and proper development" for each one.

Of the graduating class of twelve, all were provided for either through having found employment or through plans for continuing their education.

One new member has been elected to the Board of Managers—Mr. Rudolph S. Rauch. The faithfulness of members of the Board and their interest in the work of educating blind girls and boys have made it possible to accomplish these major repairs, and to make other improvements.

Two hundred and forty-five students were enrolled during the school year 1947-48. It is interesting to note that India, Porto Rico, China, Venezuela, and nine states were represented in the student body.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. BIDDLE,  
*President*





Aerial View Overbrook School for the Blind



# Curriculum

## ELEMENTARY GRADES

Reading	Geography	Nature Study	Music
Writing	History	Crafts	Piano
Language	Braille	Field Trips	Instruments
Spelling	Speech Correction	Health	General Chorus
Grammar	Arithmetic	Physical Education	Elementary Chorus
English	Science	Humane Education	Music Appreciation

## JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

English	Commercial	Manual	Music
Composition	Junior Business	Basketry	Chorus
Literature	Training	Brush Making	Choir
Grammar	Typewriting	Caning	Glee Club
Speech	Bookkeeping	Ceramics	Harmony
Speech Correction	Office Practice	Crocheting	Theory
Pencil Writing	Shorthand	Home Economics	History and Appreciation
	Ediphone	Knitting	Instruments
	Salesmanship	Leather Work	Organ
Foreign Languages		Machine Shop	Piano
Latin	Social Studies	Magazine	Voice
French	American	Agency Management and Sales	Music Braille
German	History		Special Activities
	Civics	Massage	School Paper
Mathematics	Current Events	Modeling	Scouting
Algebra	Geography	Plastics	Dramatics
General	History—	Tennis Racquet	Dancing
Mathematics	Pennsylvania	Restraining	Swimming
Plane Geometry	World History	Sewing	Roller Skating
Arithmetic	Occupations	Hand	Intra-mural
	Field Trips	Machine	sports (baseball—bowling)
Health	Tests and Measurements	Weaving	Clubs (Hi-Y, Y-Teens, Music, etc.)
Physical Education	Guidance	Woodwork	Inter-scholastic
	Tests	Piano Tuning	sports (wrestling—track)
General Science	Religious Instruction	Switchboard	
Biology		Stand Operation	
Physics	Orientation		



# Report of the Principal

## TO THE

### Board of Managers

*Gentlemen:*

It is my privilege to transmit to you and to the patrons of the school a summary of the activities of the pupils during the year 1947-1948.

An ever increasing enrollment and consequently a waiting list of some proportion has given us one of our top years in attendance. As a consequence, activities have been well attended and a livelier competition has added much to the life at Overbrook.

I should like to pay tribute to the members of the staff who have taken on so efficiently the added burden imposed by the large enrollment, and discharged their duties cheerfully and competently. Elsewhere in this report is to be found a list of the staff members, together with their teaching assignments. As will be observed, our school has a corps of well-trained and certified teachers, many with higher degrees.

The household, likewise, is competently staffed, making for homelife designed to fill the needs of handicapped children away from their own homes.

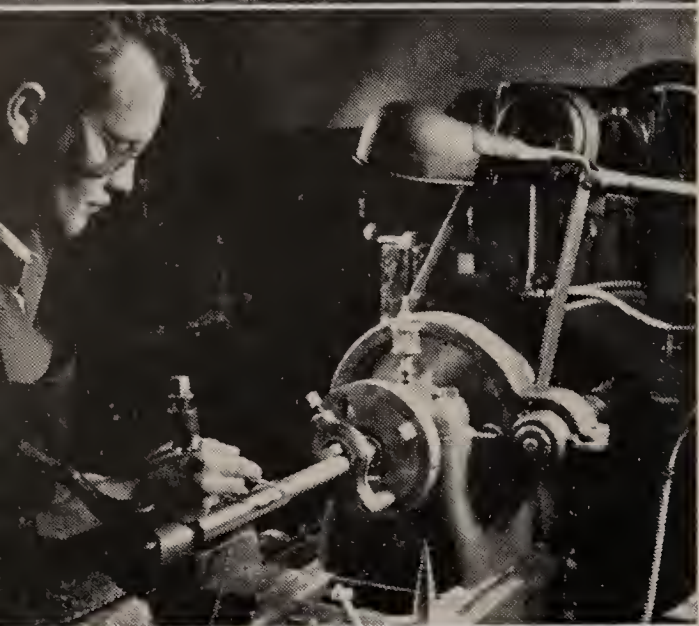
**ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT** In the academic department a continuing effort on the part of the faculty brings to the curriculum the new and best methods and materials.

A developing-curriculum-study places in the hands of the teachers guides by which these methods and materials may be used to the best advantage by the boys and girls.

While new books in geography are not yet available, the pupils continue to study physical features and place-geography by the aid of special, well-designed, dissected maps, supplemented by the splendid Braille maps from the Perkins Printing House. It is hoped that a new geography reflecting the world changes brought about by World War II will be available soon through the American Printing House for the Blind.

More books in clear type (24 point type and 18 point type) are being made available through the Printing House. Consequently, the twenty children in the sight conservation classroom are able to do a better grade of work as their supply of materials increases.





Linguaphone records, Ediphones, new style talking books, and the Sound Scriber have brought more recorded material into the classroom for the use of the student.

The Sound Scriber in particular has been of great assistance to the veterans who are furnished these machines by the Veterans Administration. The home teacher trainees through the use of the school-owned machine are able also to play recorded text books on the college level, furnished through the facilities of the Volunteers Service for the Blind at a nominal charge.

**VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT** Vocationally, the pupils are being given the advantages of modern equipment.

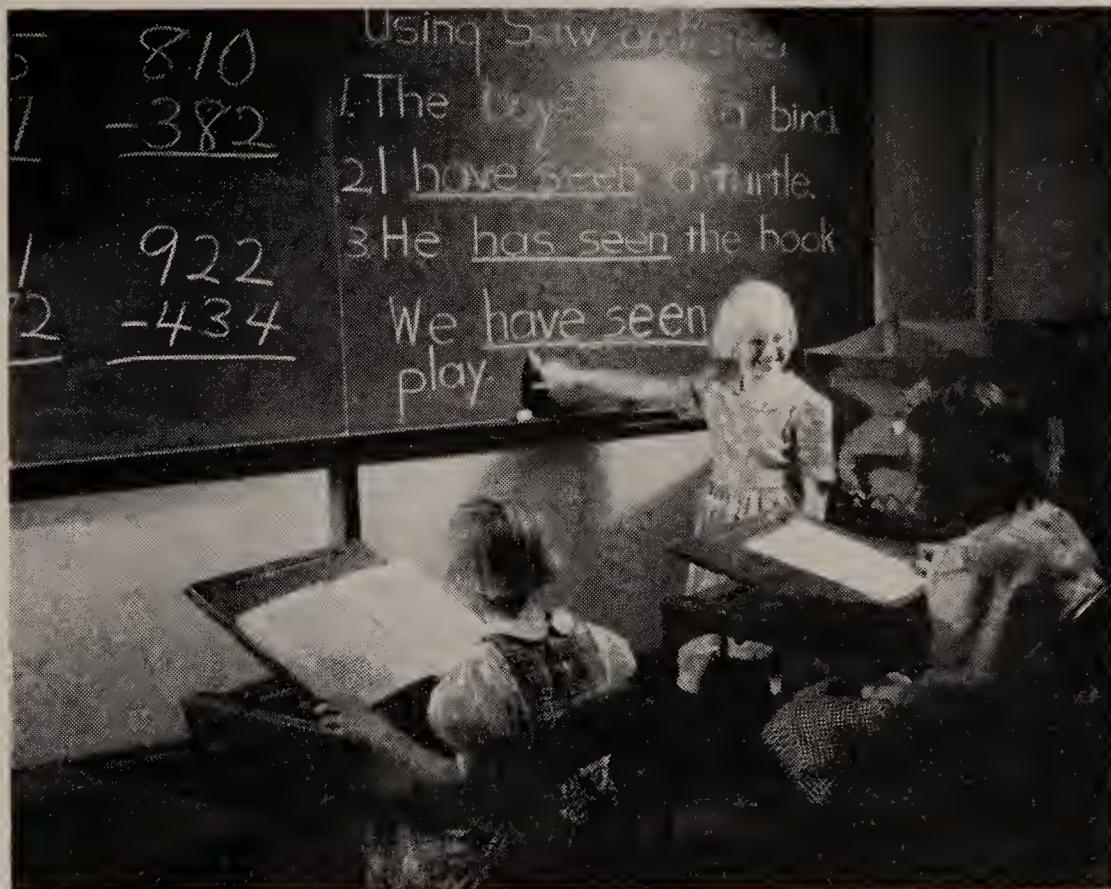
*The psychological department*, under the very capable direction of Miss Edith Newlin, tests our students for their manual dexterity and skills, as well as for the establishment of their "I. Q.", and social maturity and personality quotients. Working closely with the teachers of shops and grades, Miss Newlin follows the progress of the pupils and records her findings, which she also forwards to Dr. Hayes at Perkins Institution, who uses them in his psychological studies.

*The machine shop* plays an important part in the lives of the boys enrolled in its courses. Mr. Frederick M. Sigafoos, shop instructor, also heads a research project in machine shop practice for the blind, and devices and equipment capable of being manufactured in our shop, are being designed and produced to lighten the burden of blindness, by supplying special tools for the use of the handicapped machinist. Among the articles manufactured in this department are collapsible canes in both stainless steel and aluminum, the measure master series of rotor rulers, and master step gauges, centering de-

*Pictured at left:*

1. Bi-Manual Testing. 2. Lathe Operation. 3. Braille P.B.X. Trainee. 4. Wash Day. 5. Pattern Weaving.





Sight Conservation  
Pupils

vices both eccentric and concentric, towel racks, salt and pepper shakers, and last, but not least, Lone Ranger silver bullet key chains. These bullets developed at the request of the Lone Ranger fans have proven extremely popular and have brought considerable income to the boys.

*Plastics* newly initiated as a part of the work in shop, under Mr. Byron Elder, is still in an experimental stage. A fine oven and other equipment designed for work in this medium have vitalized the course.



Luncheon for Four

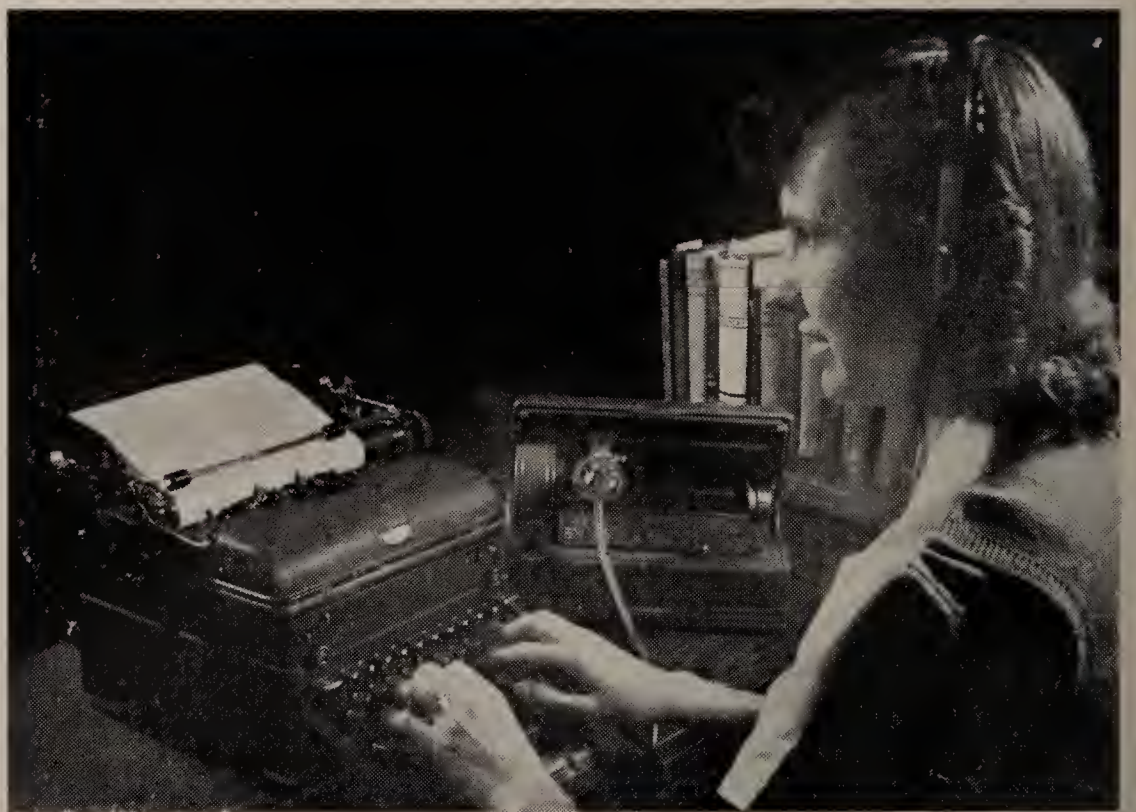




Basketry

*Instruction in switchboard operation* continues to be popular for both girls and boys. We were fortunate in placing one of the graduates of this course at a Temple University switchboard following graduation in June.

Use of home appliances, washing machines, ironers, and course in cooking and dressmaking are taught in the *home economics department* under Miss S. May Singletary.



Typing and Ediphone  
Transcription





Ceramics

Miss Agnes Locuson, instructor of *weaving and knitting*, has installed a new loom, and there appears to be a revival of interest in this age-old craft. Beautiful patterned rugs on the four harness looms are made by both girls and boys.

*Leather craft and caning* continue to be popular and are especially useful in the training course for our home teachers. Mr. Herbert Hartung, for many years connected with this department, supervises the home teachers as they give instruction in these courses which are ideally suited for therapeutic work in the home teaching field.

*Basketry and crocheting*, under the direction of Miss Margaret Deaver, are likewise popular with the home teaching class.

A large kiln, a motorized wheel, as well as kick wheels, enable the pupils in *ceramics*, under Miss H. Eleanor Ledholz's supervision to turn out pieces of unusual pottery. The beautiful glazes exact the admiration of visitors to the school.

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT** Musically, the school has continued to advance. Mr. Harry N. Becker, head of the voice department, a well-known teacher, tenor, and choir director of the city, has been a valuable addition to the staff.

Mr. C. Robert Ege, former pupil and organist of considerable local





Braille Music Pupil

fame, and Miss Catherine E. Presz, alumna, piano teacher, and organist, have likewise strengthened this department.

The programs given by the pupils have met the very exacting standards of the past, particularly the Christmas concert and the spring musical.

Mr. Ege and Miss Presz are former pupils of Miss Elsie E. Brugge-  
man, head of the *piano department*, who for many years has turned out pupils of outstanding ability and technique.



Tea Party





Referee's Decision

*The tuning department* under Mr. William Currin, alumnus, graduated two students this year who have been placed with the Lester Company.

*Work in instrumental instruction* continues to grow and we look forward to the time when ensemble work and perhaps a small orchestra will provide an additional outlet for the talented student in the music department.

Miss Edythe H. Morris, Braille music librarian, has through careful indexing and filing brought the music library to a high standard of efficiency.



End of the Race



PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT Prior to enrollment in any sport or activity pupils are given a thorough physical examination with special attention to heart and eye conditions. *Wrestling* continues to be a major sport at Overbrook, but as the school grows younger in pupil age the boys find competition with public schools more difficult. Nevertheless, there is fine promise for next year in this ever popular sport. Overbrook is a member of the Eastern Athletic Association of Schools for the Blind, and has competed in both wrestling and track in the regional conferences. The association with this organization has been most satisfactory.

A swimming pool, a skating oval, and a bowling alley are other means available for building strong bodies to house strong minds.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES *Scouting* both for boys and girls remains the outstanding club activity at Overbrook. This year a jamboree for representatives from Kentucky School for the Blind, Connecticut School for the Blind, Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind, Perkins Institution, and Overbrook met at Camp Hart on Memorial Day week-end. There they competed in scouting events and enjoyed the fellowship of camp fire. Embers from the fire were distributed to members of the various troops with instructions to return them in May of 1949 when a second annual jamboree will be sponsored by the Overbrook School Troop 123.

Many of the pupils and faculty members enjoyed the *bowling alley* again this year. The facilities were made available also to a team of men from the orientation class of the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men.



Scout Hour





Map Drill

*The Self-Help Club* extended its business, and through the contest for subscriptions entered a great many students in training for magazine subscription agency management. The first prize, a portable typewriter, was won by Robert Frack; second prize, a portable radio, by Andrew Washy, and third prize, a silver bracelet, by Jean Vicchiarelli.

**LIBRARY** Reading and literary activities for many students continue to centre about the library. Mrs. Martha Donovan, librarian, has con-



Playtime in the Kindergarten





Bedtime Story Hour

tinued the work of cataloguing begun by Miss Bernice Headings. Forty-six Braille books, sixty-nine Braille textbook titles represented by six hundred and twenty-four volumes, one hundred and nineteen print books, and one hundred and seven print textbooks have been added to the library during the year.

**HOME LIFE IN DORMITORIES** Parties, hikes, trips to concerts, and museums, the Circus, sponsored by Mr. Ellis A. Gimbel; the annual football outing made available by the Rotary Club, and other forms of amusement occupy many happy hours of the pupils' time outside of classes.

The little ones continue to find time to play. We take this opportunity to again express our appreciation to the Upper Darby News for the many wonderful Christmas gifts of toys which provided endless hours of enjoyment for the little ones.

**ANNUAL PLAY** The play "Skidding" proved very successful under the direction of Mr. Arthur DeSimone, assisted by Miss Helen L. Wood.

**CHAPEL PROGRAMS** A series of speakers from the Alumni-Alumnae Associations as well as other visitors enriched our chapel programs. Included were: Marcella DeCray, Harpist; Miss Marjory E. Penny, Fellowship House; A.F. of L. Local No. 77 Orchestra, directed by Mr. Gambino, Girard College story, Rev. Harold Flood, Mrs. Estelle M. Mac-



Annual  
Physical Examination



Bride, Lower Merion Orchestra, Haverford High School Choir, Yeadon High School Choir, Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Haines and their marionettes.

**PLAY DAY** Five girls from Overbrook, with their faculty representative, visited Perkins Institution at Watertown, Massachusetts, in November 1947, to participate in the annual play day festivities with pupils from New York Institute for the Education of the Blind, Maryland School for the Blind, and Connecticut School for the Blind. This is a most satisfactory arrangement in the educational development of the older girls socially and mentally through their association with girls of other schools for the blind.

The principal and staff appreciate the many evidences of the Board of Managers' thoughtful administration, the improvements to the plant in general, and the equipment which they have provided. A word of appreciation is in order also for the understanding friends, patrons, guides, and readers, without whose support and friendship it would be difficult to advance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEF G. CAUFFMAN,  
*Principal*

# Faculty and Staff

1948-1949

## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Josef G. Cauffman, A.B., M.A.  
*Principal*

Albert G. Cowgill, A.B., B.S.  
*Principal Emeritus*

Helen E. Richman  
*Secretary to the Principal*

## ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kerr, B.S., M.S.  
*Principal Teacher*

Mary Lou Neber  
*Secretary to the Principal Teacher*

Ethel K. Arthur, A.B., M.A.  
*Social Studies*

Edward D. Benter, III, A.B.  
*Dramatics, Speech Correction*

\*Mae Davidow, B.A., M.Ed.  
*Mathematics*

Mary P. Farrell, B.S., M.S.  
*Sight Conservation Class*

Sara Kathryn Fisher, A.B., M.A.  
*English, French*

Yolande C. Judge  
*Fifth Grade*

Burleigh D. Koenemann, B.A., M.A.  
*English, Latin, German*

Patrick V. Maley, A.B.  
*Science, Mathematics*

Constance Morey  
*Sixth Grade*

Florence F. Paulmier, B.S.  
*Commercial Subjects*

Clara F. Pollock  
*Third Grade*

\*Ida E. Price  
*Braille, Spelling, Reading*

Jay H. Pursel, B.S.  
*Junior High School—Social  
Studies, English*

L V Silvis, A.B., M.A.  
*Special Class, Advanced  
Mathematics*

Minnie B. Sprung  
*Braille Coach*

Dorothy E. White, B.S.  
*Special Teacher*

Helen Louise Wood, A.B.  
*Fourth Grade*

Margaret R. Yick, B.A., M.S.  
*Commercial Subjects*

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Margaret J. Maxson, B.A., M.A.  
*Supervisor, Second Grade*

Edna M. Caldwell, B.S.  
*Kindergarten*

Mildred M. Norris, B.A.  
*First Grade*

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kerr, B.S., M.S.  
*Director*

Joseph A. Chielli, B.S.  
*Boys*

Flora E. Twaits, B.S.  
*Girls*

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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

†Harry N. Becker  
*Choir Director*

†Elsie E. Bruggeman  
*Piano*

\*William Currlin  
*Tuning*

†Harry I. Drendall, B.S., M.S.  
*Instruments*

\*C. Robert Ege  
*General Chorus, Organ,  
Music Appreciation*

\*Edythe H. Morris  
*Music Braille, Braille Library,  
Music Appreciation*

\*Catherine E. Presz  
*Primary School Music*

## MANUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

\*Margaret Deaver, B.S.  
*Sewing, Basketry, Crocheting*

\*Byron Elder, B.A.  
*Woodwork, Plastics*

\*Herbert Hartung  
*Caning, Allied Arts*

\*Agnes Locuson  
*Weaving, Knitting*

†H. Eleanor Lodholz, B.F.A.  
*Ceramics*

Frederick Sigafos  
*Machine Shop Instructor*

\*S. May Singletary, B.S.  
*Home Economics, Sewing*

## LIBRARY AND PRINTING OFFICE

Martha Donovan, A.B., B.S., M.A.  
*Librarian*

\*Dorothy Barnard  
*Library Clerk*

Samuel Norman  
*Stereotyper*

\*Ida E. Price  
*Finger Proof Reader*

## PUPIL PERSONNEL

Emily R. Cautilli  
*Registrar*

Helen Farrar  
*Visiting Teacher*

Edith Newlin, B.S., M.A.  
*Psychometrist*

## HOME TEACHER TRAINING

Amey E. Watson, Ph.D.  
*Co-ordinator*

Rae Gibbs  
*Secretary to Co-ordinator*

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

David Q. Ewing, M.D.  
*Physician*

Wilfred E. Fry, M.D.  
*Ophthalmologist*

William Hewson, M.D.  
*Laryngologist*

E. P. Corson-White, M.D.  
*Pathologist*

Franklin K. Dennis, D.D.S.  
*Dentist*

Carroll S. Wright, M.D.  
*Dermatologist*

Edith Woodward  
*Registered Nurse*

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†Part-time

\*Defective Vision

Katharine Ottinger  
*Assistant to Nurse*

#### BLIND STUDENTS SELF-HELP CLUB

Oma Gorenflo  
Linda G. Patton  
Netta M. Shafer

#### TELEPHONE OPERATORS

\*Lillian M. Obest  
\*Agnes Locuson  
\*Dorothy Barnard  
Older Students

#### HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT

Gladys L. Webber  
*Steward*  
Dorothy Anderson  
*Accountant*  
Evans Craig  
*Assistant Bookkeeper*  
\*\*Marie A. Thomson  
Katharine P. Mantz  
*Matron*  
Elsa H. Peuckert  
*Housekeeper*  
James F. Crane  
*Custodian, Buildings*  
Michael Cronin  
*Chief Engineer*

#### HOUSEMOTHERS

##### Senior

Lillia De Long  
*Girls*  
Elizabeth W. Sigafoos  
*Boys*  
Grace Groby  
*Boys*

##### Intermediate

Lillian Cole  
*Girls*  
Helen Mooney  
*Boys*

##### Junior

Izora Roush  
*Girls*  
Emma P. Cole  
*Boys*

##### Primary School

Mabel J. Bartleet  
*Girls*  
Adele Plunket  
*Boys*  
Mabel A. Salfinger  
*Relief Housemother*

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\*\*Deceased  
\*Defective Vision



Extra Help in Braille



*Calendar for the School Year 1948-49*

September 15	Opening of School term
November 23	Annual Play, Classes Close 4.15 P. M. Thanksgiving Holidays
November 29	Classes resume
December 16	Christmas Program, Classes Close 4.15 P. M.
January 3	Pupils return
January 4	Classes resume
April 7	Easter vacation begins, Classes Close 4.15 P. M.
April 19	Pupils return
April 20	Classes resume
April 30	Junior Prom—Spring Formal
May 24	Spring Concert
May 27	Junior Concert
June 12	Baccalaureate, 4 P. M.
June 17	Commencement, 10.30 A. M.

# OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1948

## ASSETS

### CURRENT ASSETS :

Cash .....	\$ 11,949.22	
Tuition and state aid receivable .....	89,324.46	
Inventory of supplies .....	11,005.29	
	<hr/>	\$ 112,278.97

### INVESTMENTS, at book values :\*

Unrestricted funds .....	\$1,340,027.07	
Restricted funds .....	79,192.01	
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### LAND AND BUILDINGS :

Land .....	\$ 87,080.63	
Buildings and land improvements.....	\$1,526,153.11	
Machinery, furniture, and equipment.....	296,965.16	
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	\$1,823,118.27	
Less—Reserve for depreciation.....	1,218,748.02	
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### OTHER ASSETS :

Perpetual insurance deposit.....	\$ 18,122.78	
Prepaid insurance .....	4,151.49	
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		\$2,245,223.20
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\* Includes securities having a quoted market value of \$1,418,453 compared with a book value of \$1,364,465.



# OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

BALANCE SHEET—MAY 31, 1948

## LIABILITIES

### CURRENT LIABILITIES :

Accounts payable ..... \$ 31,501.74

### CAPITAL CONTRIBUTED TO THE SCHOOL :

Unrestricted funds ..... \$2,757,267.17

Restricted funds ..... 79,192.01

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\$2,836,459.18

### Add—Excess of income over expenses before depreciation :

Balance May 31, 1947..... \$ 170,155.50

Net income for the year ended May 31, 1948 be-  
fore depreciation ..... 36,453.41

————— 206,608.91

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\$3,043,068.09

### Deduct—Depreciation of buildings, machinery, and equipment :

Balance May 31, 1947..... \$ 317,866.63

Depreciation to May 31, 1947 previously classified  
as special deficit ..... 484,429.62

Depreciation for the year ended May 31, 1948.... 27,050.38

————— 829,346.63

————— 2,213,721.46

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\$2,245,223.20  
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# OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	For the fiscal year ended May 31,		
	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>
OPERATING INCOME:			
Tuition:			
From state appropriations .....	\$261,772.01	\$182,158.77	\$169,325.26
From private pupils .....	11,972.00	16,605.50	9,214.00
Discounts on purchases .....	557.75	513.94	376.53
Miscellaneous .....	332.15	1,550.70	930.97
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	\$274,633.91	\$200,828.91	\$179,846.76
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OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Salaries and wages .....	\$165,699.92	\$149,722.35	\$144,006.13
Food .....	52,835.84	52,110.55	42,512.98
Repairs and maintenance .....	16,942.57	9,637.62	7,693.36
Heat, light and power .....	22,629.27	19,434.09	11,068.48
Other supplies and expenses.....	41,676.12	35,970.46	26,487.99
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	\$299,783.72	\$266,875.07	\$231,768.94
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Net operating loss .....	\$ 25,149.81	\$ 66,046.16	\$ 51,922.18
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NON-OPERATING INCOME:			
Income from investments and trust estates.....	\$ 61,341.54	\$ 59,401.71	\$ 51,464.68
Contributions, after deducting campaign expenses..	261.68	2,751.31	4,641.88
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	\$ 61,603.22	\$ 62,153.02	\$ 56,106.56
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Net income or (loss) for the period before depreciation .....	\$ 36,453.41	(\$ 3,893.14)	\$ 4,184.38
DEPRECIATION .....	27,050.38	26,623.15	26,181.82
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Net income or (loss) for the period.....	\$ 9,403.03	(\$30,516.29)	(\$21,997.44)
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# OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CAPITAL CONTRIBUTED TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 1947, TO MAY 31, 1948

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Plant Fund
Balance, May 31, 1947 .....	\$1,649,659.48	\$72,200.50	\$611,736.85
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ADD:			
Transfer from Plant Funds of Plant Fund assets, less depreciation .....	\$ 611,736.85		
Adjustment to depreciation basis of Plant Fund assets .....	484,429.62		
Bequests, legacies, contributions, etc.....	16,620.13	\$ 8,523.50	
Profit on sale of investments .....	54.61	2.16	
Income added to capital .....		1,722.85	
Transfers from unrestricted funds.....		332.36	
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	\$2,762,500.69	\$82,781.37	\$611,736.85
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DEDUCT:			
Write off of book values of Colonial Colliery Co. and Dauphin Discount Corp. stocks.....	\$ 4,901.16		
Loss on sale of investments.....		\$ 3.27	
Transfers to unrestricted funds.....			\$611,736.85
Transfers to restricted funds .....	332.36		
Equipment, prizes, etc., charged to capital.....		3,436.09	
Loans made to graduates .....		150.00	
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	\$ 5,233.52	\$ 3,589.36	\$611,736.85
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Balance, May 31, 1948.....	\$2,757,267.17	\$79,192.01	—
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## Student Enrollment 1947-1948

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Alden, Howard	Montgomery
Angiolillo, Richard	Philadelphia
Arndt, Marlin	Lancaster
Atkins, Lynn	New Jersey (State)
Atwell, Dolores	Delaware
Baker, Eileen	Philadelphia
Barwosky, Ida May	Philadelphia
Bassler, Harry	Luzerne
Becker, Rose Marie	Schuylkill
Beckett, Dora	Philadelphia
Bemesderfer, Hermine	Dauphin
Bentz, Virginia	Bucks
Berberick, Frederick	Northumberland
Bethea, Flora Belle	New Jersey (State)
Bigger, Earl	Delaware
Block, Bonnie	Dauphin
Bogner, Lorraine	Lebanon
Boone, Edith	New Jersey (State)
Bowers, David	Lancaster
Bowmaster, Leslie	Center
Boyer, James	Philadelphia
Boycheck, Michael	Schuylkill
Bowder, Patricia	India (Country)
Bradley, Ann Patricia	Delaware
Brosey, Joan	Lancaster
Brownstein, Robert	Philadelphia
Burke, Nathan	Philadelphia
Burkhart, Eugene	Blair
Burr, Charles	Tioga
Butz, James	Perry
Caine, Anne	Philadelphia
Caldwell, James	Erie
Cam, Marcialito	Philadelphia
Campbell, Mary	Delaware
Cardozo, Allister	Philadelphia
Carichner, Nadine	Luzerne
Carpenter, Leroy	Lancaster
Carson, Joyce	New Jersey (State)
Carrillo, Jose	Puerto Rico (Country)
Catlin, Bernard	Dauphin
Cavna, Lester	Lancaster
Chabin, Evelyn	Schuylkill
Chambers, Ruth	Philadelphia
Cicala, Joseph	Luzerne
Claffey, Edward	Delaware
Clemson, Edgar	Montgomery
Clough, Roland	Philadelphia
Clouser, Betty	Lycoming
Coe, Carol Tenbrook	Philadelphia
Coleman, Robert	Franklin
Comp, Raymond	Perry
Cox, Clarence	Columbia
Damico, Charles	Philadelphia
Dankel, Eleanor	Lehigh
Davis, Gary	Lancaster

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Davis, Muriel	Philadelphia
Day, Harold	Lycoming
Day, Raymond	Delaware
DeBrody, Florence	Lycoming
DeCicco, Harold	Lackawanna
DiPrizito, Anthony	New Jersey (State)
Dixon, Thomas	New Jersey (State)
Dreher, Dolores	Philadelphia
Dreher, Mary	Philadelphia
Drill, Rita	Philadelphia
Elam, Houston	Montgomery
English, Frederick	Delaware
Esposito, David	Philadelphia
Euerle, Albert	Philadelphia
Evenson, Lorene	New Jersey (State)
Fair, Nadine	Adams
Fegley, Harold	Berks
Fehnel, Marjorie	Lehigh
Felicetti, Lillian	Philadelphia
Fern, Mary	Dauphin
Fidler, Richard	Philadelphia
Finan, Timothy	Philadelphia
Flowers, Alfred	Berks
Ford, Peggy	Philadelphia
Foster, Arlene	Delaware
Foster, Alexander	Philadelphia
Foster, Harry	Delaware
Frack, Robert	Lehigh
Frey, Florence	Northampton
Fuchslocker, Norma	Montgomery
Furtak, Henry	New Jersey (State)
Galante, Frank	Luzerne
Gamble, Ruth	Dauphin
Gamble, Sara	Dauphin
Gariffo, Josephine	Philadelphia
Garnett, David	Philadelphia
Garrett, Frank Karl	Bucks
Garrett, Robert	New Jersey (State)
Garrison, Joseph	Philadelphia
Gerace, Catherine	Philadelphia
Gilmore, Barbara	Philadelphia
Gogolski, Leon	Lackawanna
Graham, Donna	Dauphin
Griffith, Fay	Lancaster
Gulliford, Janice	Luzerne
Hamblin, William	New Jersey (State)
Hampton, Shirley	Luzerne
Harden, Doris	Dauphin
Harrity, Julia	New Jersey (State)
Harmon, Retta	Philadelphia
Harris, Clyde	Perry
Hayes, Therese	Philadelphia
Herrmann, George	Dauphin
Howard, William	Philadelphia
Hughes, Marie	York



<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Iamurri, Joseph .....	Philadelphia
Johnson, Florence .....	Philadelphia
Jopling, Ralph .....	Montgomery
Kavanagh, Therese .....	Philadelphia
Kennedy, William .....	Philadelphia
Kerstetter, Wayne .....	Dauphin
Klinger, Ellis .....	Dauphin
Kozinski, Enoch .....	Northumberland
Kreamer, Richard .....	Clinton
Kreiser, Bessie .....	Dauphin
LeCompte, Ruth .....	Delaware
Lee, Suzanne Joy .....	Delaware
Leed, Kenneth .....	Lancaster
Lenox, Adele .....	New Jersey (State)
Levine, Harriet .....	Lancaster
Levy, Howard .....	Delaware (State)
Liney, Catherine .....	Chester
Liney, Helen .....	Chester
Liney, Mary Jane .....	Chester
Linsinbigler, Arthur .....	Bucks
Luchetta, Michael .....	Schuylkill
Lutter, Rudolph .....	Philadelphia
McCracken, Lorraine .....	Dauphin
McCullough, Elizabeth .....	New Jersey (State)
McCullough, Helen .....	New Jersey (State)
McDermott, Leroy .....	New Jersey (State)
McDonald, Frederick .....	Philadelphia
McDowell, Michael .....	Berks
McErn, William .....	Lycoming
McNulty, Eleanore .....	Luzerne
Malatesta, Joan .....	Philadelphia
Marino, James .....	Philadelphia
Mattern, Theodore .....	Lackawanna
Mihalek, Ronald .....	Delaware
Miller, Clarence .....	Lycoming
Miller, James L. ....	Delaware
Mitchell, Marlene .....	New Jersey (State)
Moll, Robert .....	Northampton
Monroe, Muriel .....	Delaware
deMonteverde, Beatriz Venezuela (Country)	
Moore, Ruth .....	Philadelphia
Mumma, Audrey .....	Dauphin
Muschette, Leroy .....	Philadelphia
Muthard, William .....	Philadelphia
Nathaniel, Carrie .....	Chester
Neiman, Edgar .....	York
Nickerson, Hugh .....	Delaware
Nornhold, James .....	Dauphin
Noyles, Ralton .....	York
Orler, Thomas .....	Montgomery
Ott, Fred .....	New Jersey (State)
Patterson, Betty .....	Franklin
Perella, Bernard .....	Chester
Pine, Barbara .....	New Jersey (State)
Pine, Richard .....	New Jersey (State)
Pinion, Beatrice .....	Chester
Pouncy, Samuel .....	Philadelphia

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>
Priefert, William .....	Philadelphia
Pugliese, Kathryn .....	New Jersey (State)
Putalavage, Jean .....	Schuylkill
Quill, Edward .....	Bucks
Rager, Nancy Lee .....	Mifflin
Ready, William .....	Schuylkill
Rice, Blanche .....	Chester
Rich, Barbara .....	Delaware
Ridley, Helen .....	York
Robinson, Lillian .....	Chester
Roebuck, Robert .....	Montgomery
Ronan, Joseph .....	Delaware
Rose, Shirley .....	Wayne
Roseling, Norma .....	Philadelphia
Samworth, Charles .....	Chester
Schuman, Lewis .....	New Jersey (State)
Segal, Arthur .....	Berks
Shuey, Verdun .....	Northumberland
Siebert, Charles .....	Lancaster
Simmott, Claire .....	Delaware
Sipes, Gerald .....	Franklin
Smith, Alma .....	Montgomery
Smith, Gary .....	Chester
Smith, Lorraine .....	Bucks
Smith, Marjorie .....	Philadelphia
Smith, Mary Jeanette .....	Lehigh
Smith, Sylvia .....	Philadelphia
Smith, Wiley .....	Bucks
Smugeresky, Eugene .....	Lackawanna
Snyder, Therese .....	Lackawanna
Spicer, Frank .....	New Jersey (State)
Stabelli, Joseph .....	Philadelphia
Stauffer, Luke .....	Lancaster
Stewart, Alexander .....	Schuylkill
Stocker, Clifford .....	Northampton
Strzalka, Matthew .....	Wayne
Suracci, Mary .....	Luzerne
Swoyer, Hugh, Jr. ....	Berks
Terres, Richard .....	Delaware
Trexler, Shirley .....	Lehigh
Valentino, Esther .....	Lancaster
Vandenbord, Marcella .....	Carbon
Vicchiarelli, Jean .....	Philadelphia
Vecero, Matthew .....	Lancaster
Wahl, Dorothy .....	Philadelphia
Walsh, Thomas .....	Luzerne
Warburton, Marilyn .....	Bradford
Washy, Andrew .....	New Jersey (State)
Waterstradt, Robert, Jr. ....	Philadelphia
Weatherby, Alice .....	Delaware
Webster, Leroy .....	New Jersey (State)
Weisenborn, Gladys .....	Luzerne
Weitzel, Mary Lou .....	Lackawanna
Westley, Follmer, Jr. ....	Northumberland
Wilus, Norman .....	Philadelphia
Young, Theodore .....	Clinton
Zazow, Alex .....	Philadelphia

<i>Home Teachers</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Veterans</i>	<i>State</i>
Allwein, Herman .....	Pennsylvania	Cowsert, Harris .....	Oklahoma
Austman, Albert .....	Pennsylvania	Crumrine, B. Eugene .....	Maryland
Gonzales, Guillerma .....	Wyoming	Craddock, Jodie .....	Mississippi
Kroeger, Alice .....	Pennsylvania	Davis, Clarence .....	Pennsylvania
Noone, Eileen .....	Pennsylvania	Henderson, Stephen .....	Pennsylvania
Perry, Joseph .....	New Jersey	Krauss, Fred .....	Pennsylvania
Satte Zahn, Helen .....	Pennsylvania	Martinez, George .....	Colorado
Sharp, Thelma .....	Pennsylvania	Mayer, Odell .....	Pennsylvania
Zerr, George .....	Pennsylvania	Sharp, Melvin .....	Pennsylvania
Kiang, Sally .....	China (Country)	Trotter, William .....	New Jersey
		Zinkyvick, Michael .....	Massachusetts

## Grateful Acknowledgment

For the generous support, the thoughtful consideration,  
the warm understanding of the thousands of friends  
who have made its work possible, the Board  
of Managers of the Overbrook School  
for the Blind wishes to express  
its sincere appreciation.

## Principals of Overbrook School for the Blind

Julius R. Friedlander.....	1832-1839	Dr. William Chapin .....	1849-1888
Dr. Joshua Rhoads.....	1839-1842	Frank Battles .....	1888-1890
David B. Tower.....	1842-1844	Dr. Edward E. Allen.....	1890-1907
Dr. John A. Vaughan.....	1845-1847	Dr. Olin H. Burritt.....	1907-1936
Joseph R. Fry .....	1847-1849	Albert G. Cowgill .....	1936-1945
Josef G. Cauffman.....	1945-		

## Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to "Overbrook School for the Blind," now located at 64th Street and Malvern Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the sum of..... Dollars, to be used for its general purposes.

Gifts by will to Overbrook School for the Blind are exempt from estate taxes imposed by the laws of the United States.

Contributions made in any year to Overbrook School for the Blind are deductible to the extent provided by law for Federal income tax purposes.











